DARCY BLACK

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

DARCY M. BLACK,

Plaintiff,

-vs-

BUFFALO MEAT SERVICE, INC., doing business as BOULEVARD BLACK ANGUS, also known as BLACK ANGUS MEATS, also known as BLACK ANGUS MEATS & SEAFOOD, ROBERT SEIBERT, DIANE SEIBERT, KEEGAN ROBERTS,

Defendants.

Examination Before Trial of

DARCY BLACK, Plaintiff, taken pursuant to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, in the law offices of BARCLAY DAMON LLP, The Avant Building, Suite 1200, 200 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, New York, taken on January 23, 2018, commencing at 9:35 A.M., before ERIN L. COPPING, Notary Public.

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        Appearing for the Defendants.
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        PRESENT:
                  Diane Seibert
                  Keegan Roberts
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             (The following stipulations were entered
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        into by both parties.)
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             It is hereby stipulated by and between counsel
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        for the respective parties that the oath of the
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        Referee is waived, that filing and certification
        of the transcript are waived, and that all
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        objections, except as to the form of the
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        questions, are reserved until the time of trial.
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1
    Α.
       Yes.
    Q. Okay. All right.
3
    MS. GRECO: One intersection.
 4
             (Discussion off the record.)
5
   BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
 6
       All right. Have you ever testified before?
    Q.
7
    Α.
       No.
8
       Never in court, never in a deposition?
    Q.
9
       No.
    Α.
10
        Okay. What's your date of birth?
11
    Α.
       December 15th, 1970.
12
       Are you currently married?
    Q.
13
   Α.
       Yes.
14
   Q.
       To whom?
15
    Α.
       Robert Black.
       When did you get married?
16
    Q.
17
       March 21st, 2009.
    Α.
18
       Have you been married previously?
19
    Α.
       No.
20
       Do you have any children?
    Q.
21
   Α.
       Yes.
22
    O. What are their names?
23
    A. Jordan Hofert and Jahon Drake.
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14 I worked at Pizza Junction, Pizza Pickup. 1 Α. Pizza Pickup? 0. 3 Payne Avenue Pizzeria, High Spot Pizzeria, 4 Power City Paving. I've worked at Laidlaw Bus 5 Company, TNT Bus Service. 6 Q. TMT? 7 Α. TNT. 8 Q. All right. 9 And I worked for Marriott -- Marriott Sodexo. Α. 10 They were -- they supplied school lunches and 11 when Marriott Sodexo turned over to Chartwells 12 they again supplied the school lunches. 13 Transportation, Dependable Cab, NCO Financial. 14 Again, I'm focused just on your prior to Black Q. 15 Angus employment. So is that what you're giving 16 me? 17 Yes. Yes. 18 Okay. Good. Keep going if you can. I believe that is -- that is all. 19 Α. 20 Okay. On your application, look at the bottom Q. there. Is that Mobil -- Mobil? 21 22 Yes. Α.

Did you cover that one or no?

23

Q.

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15
1
       No, I did not.
    Α.
        Okay. So we should add that one?
    0.
3
    Α.
        Yes.
4
       Okay. All right. You indicated that you may not
    Q.
5
        be able to give us the dates of employment for
6
        some of these, so let me go through those and let
        me know if you can give me dates of employment
        for the employers that I identify. Okay?
8
9
        Yes.
    Α.
10
        Pizza Junction, dates of employment or no?
11
    Α.
        No.
12
        Pine Avenue Pizzeria, dates of employment or no?
    Q.
13
       I do not recall.
    Α.
14
       Pizza Pickup, dates or no?
    Q.
15
    Α.
        1986.
16
    Q.
        This is then prior to your high school
17
        graduation?
18
       Yes.
    Α.
19
        Okay.
    Q.
20
    Α.
        Sorry.
21
    Q.
        Were all of the pizza places prior to your
22
        graduation from high school?
23
    Α.
       No.
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16
1
       Okay. And which ones were after your high school
    Q.
        graduation?
3
        The rest of them.
4
        Okay. So High Spot Pizzeria?
    Q.
5
        Yes.
    Α.
        That was after 1989?
6
    Q.
7
    Α.
        Yes.
8
        Are you able to say when?
    Q.
        I do not recall.
9
    Α.
10
        Power City Paving, dates of employment?
11
    Α.
        Summer of 1990.
12
        Laidlaw Bus, dates of employment?
    Q.
13
       I do not recall.
    Α.
14
        TNT Bus Service, dates of employment?
    Q.
15
        2004 I stopped working there.
    Α.
16
    Q.
        Do you recall when you started working at TNT
17
        Bus?
        I believe it was 2003.
18
    Α.
        Okay. Marriott Sodexo -- Sodexo?
19
    Q.
20
        I worked there when I was working at Laidlaw
    Α.
21
        Transportation.
22
        Was it a part-time job?
    0.
23
        It was -- I was a lunch lady in between my school
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17
1
        bus runs.
2
        So when you worked for Laidlaw and TNT Bus
3
        Service, those were school buses that you were
 4
        driving?
5
        Yes.
    Α.
 6
    Q.
       And those were for which school district or
7
        districts?
8
        It varied, because I drove handicapped school
9
        bus.
10
        Okay. We've heard testimony in some of the other
    Q.
11
        cases about you having a commercial driver's
12
        license.
13
        Yes.
    Α.
14
        Do you still have a commercial driver's license?
    Q.
15
    Α.
        No.
        When did you first get your commercial driver's
16
    Q.
17
        license?
        I believe -- I do not recall.
18
    Α.
        Did you get it in connection with your work for
19
    Q.
20
        the school bus companies?
21
    Α.
        Yes.
22
        So prior to the work for the school bus companies
    Ο.
23
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you didn't have a CDL?

18 1 Yes, I did. Α. You did have a CDL prior to that? 3 Α. Yes. 4 Okay. Why did you get the CDL? Q. 5 You have to have a commercial driver's license to Α. 6 drive a school bus. 7 Okay. So you got the CDL in anticipation of 8 going to work for Laidlaw Bus Company, is that true? 9 10 Before that I had a CDL license working for Power 11 City Paving. 12 Okay. What did you do for Power City Paving? 13 I drove dump truck. 14 So you got the CDL so you could drive a dump Q. 15 truck? 16 Α. Yes. 17 Okay. What years were you doing the work for Q. 18 Marriott Sodexo? 19 2001 to 2003. Α. 20 And when did you work for Able Transportation? Q. It was after Laidlaw. 21 Α. 22 Are you able to say 2003, 2000 --

23

Α.

Yes.

19 Okay. So sometime after 2003, and for how long 1 Q. did you work for Able? 3 It was about five or six months. I needed a CDL 4 for that also. 5 All right. When did you work for Dependable Cab? Q. 6 Α. Before I had children. And you had your first child in 1995? Q. 8 Α. Yes. 9 So sometime prior to your employment with Able 10 Transportation and prior to the Marriott Sodexo 11 work? 12 Α. Yes. 13 Okay. Are you able to pin it down sometime in 14 the 1990's more specifically? 15 1992 between 1995. Α. Okay. When did you work for NCO Financial? 16 Q. 17 Right before I applied at Black Angus. 18 So sometime in 19 -- I'm sorry. In 2005? Q. 19 Yes. I worked there for a week training. Α. 20 When did you work for Mobil? Q. In 2004. 21 Α.

How long did you work for Mobil?

About seven months.

22

23

Α.

20 What did your job entail when you were working 1 Q. for Kmart? 3 I was overnight stock. 4 What did that job entail, meaning what did you Q. 5 do? 6 Brought product out from shipping and receiving Α. and put it on the floor. How would you bring the product out from shipping 8 Q. and receiving from the floor? 9 10 On U-boats. Α. 11 Q. On what? 12 U-boats. Α. 13 Okay. Tell us what that is. 14 It's a metal rack with two shelves. Α. 15 All right. You pull that or push that out? Q. 16 Α. Yes. 17 And were there other activities that you engaged Q. 18 in other than what you've just described in terms 19 of doing the night stock for Kmart while you were 20 working for Kmart? 21 Α. No. 22 What did you do at Pizza Junction?

Made subs.

23

Α.

21 Anything else at Pizza Junction? 1 Q. 2 And salads. Α. 3 Okay. Made subs and salads? Q. 4 Α. Yes. Where is that located? 5 Q. 6 Α. It was located on Erie Avenue in North Tonawanda. 7 Q. Where was the Kmart that you worked at 8 located? 9 On Niagara Falls Boulevard in Amherst. 10 What did you do at Pizza Pickup? Q. 11 Α. Prep. 12 What does prep consist of? Q. 13 Fill cups with blue cheese, count out wings, keep Α. 14 stations filled. 15 Anything else? Q. 16 Α. No, I do not recall. 17 And what does keeping a station filled mean? Q. 18 If they run out of pepperoni, fill it. If they Α. run out of cheese, fill it. 19 20 Q. Okay. And/or sauce. 21 Α. 22 All right. What did you do at the Payne Avenue Ο.

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Pizzeria?

- 1 A. I was night manager.
- Q. What were your duties as night manager, meaning what did you do?
- 4 A. I looked over the other staff. I made pizzas. I
- 5 stretched dough. I made subs. I made wings and
- 6 other items that went in the fryers. I did the
- 7 register at night, locked up, went home.
- 8 Q. Where is that located?
- 9 A. It was located on the corner of Payne Avenue and
- 10 Ward Road.
- 11 Q. All right. What did you do at High Spot
- 12 Pizzeria?
- 13 A. I was a pizza maker.
- 14 Q. Where is that located?
- 15 A. There is two different High Spot Pizzerias I
- 16 worked at. One was on Bailey Avenue and the
- other was on High Street.
- 18 Q. In the City of Buffalo?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. Okay. What did you do at Power City Paving?
- 21 A. I drove dump truck. I raked blacktop. I sealed
- 22 driveways and parking lots.
- 23 Q. Where was their main office located?

- 22 Q. Okay. How much did you help out your family?
- 23 MS. GRECO: Objection.

Okay. Are you able to recall what the training

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34
1
       was like for sexual harassment at Laidlaw?
2
       Ever year they touch base on it in a classroom
3
       with the other drivers.
4
       Can you recall anything about the substance of
5
       the training that you received at Kmart on
6
       subject of sexual harassment?
7
   MS. GRECO: Can you just read that back.
8
             (Whereupon, the above-requested question was
9
       then read back by the reporter.)
10
   THE WITNESS: I do not recall.
11
   BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
12
   Q. What about Laidlaw, are you able to recall the
13
       substance of any of the training concerning
14
       sexual harassment at Laidlaw?
15
   MS. GRECO: Objection, form.
16
   THE WITNESS:
                  I do not recall.
17
   BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
18
       What was the form of the training on sexual
       harassment at TNT Bus Service?
19
20
       I do not recall.
       What was the form of the training concerning
21
   Q.
22
       sexual harassment at NCO Financial?
       I just remember we were hired with a group of ten
23
   Α.
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just testified. Was the subject of race

39 1 Α. Yes. Did all of those handbooks cover the subject of 0. 3 race discrimination? 4 Yes. Α. 5 Did all of those handbooks cover the subject of Q. 6 discrimination on the basis of gender or sex, meaning men and -- meaning a woman should not be the subject of discrimination because of her 8 9 gender? 10 I do not recall. Α. 11 Q. Did all of those handbooks cover the subject of 12 sexual harassment? 13 Yes. Α. 14 Did all of those handbooks set forth a procedure 15 that an employee was to follow if the employee 16 believed that he or she had a complaint to make 17 concerning the subject of discrimination? 18 MS. GRECO: Objection to form. 19 THE WITNESS: Yes. 20 BY MR. OPPENHEIMER: 21 Q. Okay. What did you learn at Kmart on the subject 22 of making a complaint to someone if you believed 23 that you were a victim of some kind of

23

for Laidlaw?

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42
1
       I believe it was Teamsters.
   Α.
       Did you receive any information from the
    Q.
3
        Teamsters on the subject of discrimination?
4
       Yes.
   Α.
5
       What information did you receive?
   Q.
6
   Α.
       A handbook.
       Did you read that handbook?
    Q.
8
   Α.
       Yes.
9
       Do you recall anything that it contained on
10
        subject of discrimination?
11
   Α.
       Yes.
12
       What did it say?
   Q.
13
       I don't recall the exact words.
14
       Do you recall the substance?
               Objection to form. You can answer.
15
   MS. GRECO:
16
   THE WITNESS:
17
   BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
18
       What do you recall about -- or, strike that. Did
19
        the TNT Bus Service employee handbook address the
20
        subject of discrimination?
21
   Α.
       Yes.
22
       Did it have a complaint process that an employee
23
        was to follow?
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1
    BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
       Or Jahon the son on Social Security disability?
    0.
3
       Jahon.
    Α.
 4
       Jahon. When did Jahon start taking SSD?
    Q.
5
        Social Security disability. Social Security
 6
        disability, is that what he got?
7
    Α.
        SSI.
8
    Q.
       SSI. When did Jahon start receiving SSI?
       I do not recall.
9
    Α.
10
        Do you recall the year?
    Q.
11
    Α.
       No.
12
       What reason was it that he started receiving SSI?
    Ο.
13
       He had disabilities.
    Α.
14
       What kind of disabilities?
    Q.
15
       He had tibial torsion, femoral aversion.
                                                    He had
    Α.
16
       problems with where his eyes, nose and throat and
        ears all come together. It never formed
17
18
        correctly. His sinus cavities never hollowed
19
        out, so his tear ducts were plugged all the time
20
        and he had thirteen surgeries by the time he was
21
       three years old.
22
       Must have been terrible to go through as a mom.
    Ο.
23
        Has he continued to require surgery?
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51
1
    Α.
        Yes.
        So how many surgeries has Jahon had over the
3
        course of his life?
4
        I believe it's seventeen.
5
        Is he able to attend school?
    Q.
6
    Α.
        Yes.
        What school does he attend?
    Q.
8
    Α.
        He graduated.
9
        What school did he graduate?
10
        He was in a six-one-one class, special education.
    Α.
11
    Q.
        Where was that?
12
        At what time?
13
        Where did he graduate from?
14
        Niagara Academy in Sanborn.
    Α.
15
        What's he doing now?
    Q.
16
    Α.
        Applying for applications with his case manager
17
        and has an application in at VESID-VR.
18
        Is he living at home with you?
19
        Yes, he is.
    Α.
20
        Does Jordan still live at home with you?
    Q.
        No, he does not.
21
    Α.
22
        When did he move out?
    0.
23
    Α.
        I do not recall.
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52
        At any time did you receive food stamps?
1
2
    Α.
        Yes.
3
        When was that?
    Q.
4
        I do not recall.
    Α.
5
        When was the last time you received food stamps?
    Q.
6
    Α.
        I do not recall.
7
    Q.
        Not able to tell me the year?
8
        I don't know.
    Α.
9
        Are you still on Medicaid?
10
        No.
    Α.
11
    Q.
        When did you stop Medicaid?
12
        While I was employed at Black Angus.
13
        Is there a reason your Medicaid stopped while you
    Q.
14
        were at Black Angus?
15
        Yes.
    Α.
        What's the reason?
16
    Q.
17
        I made more money.
    Α.
18
        You weren't eligible anymore?
19
    Α.
        Correct.
20
        Okay. Is your husband Robert employed?
    Q.
        Yes, he is.
21
    Α.
22
       Where is he employed?
    Ο.
23
       Full-time or part-time?
    Α.
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58
1
        job at the Gersch Experience in November of 2009?
2
       My brother works there and he knows I needed to
3
        make more money because I lost my health
4
        insurance.
5
       Okay. So was there some kind of application
   Q.
6
       process that you went through?
7
   Α.
       Yes.
8
   Q.
       What did you do?
9
       Filled out an application.
   Α.
10
       When did you do that?
   Q.
11
   Α.
       In November of 2009.
12
       Did you have an interview?
   Q.
13
       Yes, I did.
   Α.
14
       And obviously that was successful and you started
   Q.
15
       work, right?
16
   Α.
       Yes.
17
       Okay. What position did you apply for there?
   Q.
18
       Night cleaner and taking the students home from
   Α.
19
       tutoring.
20
       What was the compensation for that position?
   Q.
21
   Α.
       Regular wages.
22
   0.
       How much?
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I started at ten dollars an hour.

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59
        At some point did you receive an increase?
1
2
    Α.
        Yes.
3
        When was that?
    Q.
 4
        I don't recall.
    Α.
5
        What was the increase to?
    Q.
 6
    Α.
        Eleven dollars an hour.
        Are you still working for Gersch?
    Q.
8
    Α.
        No, I am not.
        When did you stop working for Gersch?
9
10
        July of 2014.
    Α.
11
    Q.
        What was the reason for you stopping your work
12
        for Gersch?
13
        The chief operating officer wanted me to lie to
14
        the parents and say that there was a life coach
15
        living at all three apartment buildings and I
16
        would not lie for them so they let me go.
17
        How much were you making in compensation when you
    Q.
18
        stopped working in July of 2014?
       Eleven dollars an hour.
19
    Α.
20
                   How many hours were you working on
    Q.
       All right.
        average in the summer of 2014 before you stopped
21
22
        working?
23
    Α.
        Forty plus.
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60 When did the Gersch experience job become a 1 Q. full-time job for you? 3 July or August of 2010. 4 Your last employment with Black Angus was in May Q. 5 of 2010, is that fair? 6 Α. Yes. 7 Q. And you worked part-time then for Gersch between 8 the end of your employment at Black Angus until 9 sometime in either July or August of 2010 when 10 your employment at Gersch became full-time? 11 Α. Yes. 12 Okay. Did the job at Gersch change or were more Q. 13 hours available for you to do the same job of 14 cleaning and driving? 15 I was given more responsibilities. Α. 16 Q. What additional responsibilities were you given? 17 I became a job coach. Α. 18 What is a job coach? Q. 19 Where I assist college age students with Α. 20 disabilities to function properly in the 21 workplace. 22 And do you receive training at Gersch on how to

Q. And do you receive training at Gersch on how to do the job, the coach job?

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74
1
    Α.
        I can't recall.
        What did you discuss with Lisa?
    0.
3
        I remember she asked me if I had any previous
4
        experience.
5
       Previous experience?
    Q.
6
    Α.
        In a deli.
7
        In a deli?
    Q.
8
    Α.
        Yes.
9
    Q.
        Okay.
10
       And I said yes, I worked at Budwey's deli and
11
        that's pretty much all I can recall.
12
        Did she indicate that they were looking for
13
        someone to work in the deli?
14
   MS. GRECO:
               Objection to form.
15
    THE WITNESS: I can't recall.
    BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
16
       What experience did she ask you about other than
17
    Q.
18
        experience in a deli, if any?
19
        I can't recall.
    Α.
20
        Did the meeting with Lisa end in an offer to you?
    Q.
21
    Α.
        Yes.
22
        What was the offer?
    0.
23
    Α.
        That I was hired.
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75
1
        Okay. Did she indicate at the time the offer was
    Q.
        made what you were hired to do?
3
        I don't recall.
4
        Did she indicate what the rate of pay would be?
    Ο.
5
        I don't recall.
    Α.
6
    Q.
        Did she indicate whether or not there would be
        any employment benefits?
        I don't recall.
8
9
        Did she indicate how many hours a week you would
    Q.
10
        be expected to work?
11
    Α.
        I don't recall.
12
        Did she indicate what the store hours were?
13
        I don't recall.
    Α.
14
        Did she indicate when you would start working?
    Q.
15
    Α.
        I don't recall.
        Did she indicate what your hours would be when
16
    Q.
17
        you did start working?
18
        I believe ten to six.
    Α.
19
        Ten a.m. to six p.m.?
    Q.
20
    Α.
        Yes.
        When was your first day of work at Black Angus?
21
    Q.
22
    Α.
       I don't recall.
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Looking at your employment application, Exhibit

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91
       What was the guy?
1
    Q.
       Bell-View guy.
    Α.
3
       Bell-View?
    Q.
 4
       Products.
    Α.
5
       He would come in and see you?
    Q.
 6
    Α.
       Yes.
7
    Q.
       For what purpose?
8
       For the items that we carried that his company
9
       sold us.
       Okay. In general, what kind of products did
10
11
       Bell-View sell to Black Angus?
12
       Canned goods, glass peppers, pickles, peppers,
13
        olives, stuff of that nature, dressing.
14
       And what did you learn about how to put an order
   Q.
15
        in with Bell-View?
16
    Α.
       What we were low on or out of we reordered.
17
       Okay. When did you learn how to do that?
    Q.
18
       I don't recall.
    Α.
19
       All right. Other than what you've told us so far
    Q.
20
        about the different things that you learned how
        to do in 2005, and then when you learned how to
21
22
        fill packs for deliveries and now you've told us
        how to fill an order, put an order in for
23
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92
1
       Bell-View. What additional jobs did you learn at
       Black Angus, other than what you've told us
3
        about?
4
       That I was taught?
5
       That you learned how to do while you were there,
    Q.
6
       whether you were taught by another person, you
        observed and as a result of observations you
8
       began doing, but what I'm interested in is what
9
       additional jobs did you learn how to do at Black
10
       Angus other than what you've told us about?
11
       Cut boneless meat.
12
       Cut boneless meat, what does boneless meat
13
       consist of?
14
       Any raw meat that does not have a bone.
   Α.
15
       How did you learn how to cut boneless meat?
    Q.
16
    Α.
       By watching Thomas Howells.
17
       When did you learn how to cut boneless meat?
   Q.
18
       While employed at Black Angus.
   Α.
       How many times did you cut boneless meat while
19
    Q.
20
       you were at Black Angus?
       A few times.
21
   Α.
22
       What's a few, two, three?
23
   MS. GRECO: Objection to form.
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Okay. With respect to the butterflying the

boneless chicken breast, someone ask you to do

22

23

Ο.

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94
1
       that?
2
   MS. GRECO: Was she done with her answer?
3
   BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
4
       You tell me. Was there other boneless meat that
5
       you cut other than the boneless pork chops, the
6
       butterflied chicken, the bigger boneless pork and
7
       the steak that you just mentioned?
8
       And I also butterflied a top round steak to make
       lemon brine.
9
10
       Anything else?
   Q.
11
    Α.
       Not that I can recall.
12
       All right. So did someone ask you to butterfly
    Q.
13
       the boneless chicken breast?
14
   Α.
       Yes.
15
       Who?
   Q.
16
    Α.
       A customer.
17
       Okay. Was there a reason that you butterflied
    Q.
18
       the chicken breast as opposed to someone else in
19
       the store who did the butterflying more often
20
       than you?
21
       Thomas Howells wasn't present.
22
       With respect to the boneless pork chops, did
    0.
23
        someone ask you to cut the boneless pork chops?
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95 1 Yes. Α. 0. Who was that? 3 A customer. 4 Why did you do that rather than someone who more Q. 5 customarily cut the boneless meat? 6 I was available and it was my customer. Α. 7 Q. How about the bigger boneless pork roast you 8 talked about, why did you cut that as opposed to 9 someone else who cut meat more frequently? 10 There was nobody else present. 11 MS. GRECO: Objection to form. 12 BY MR. OPPENHEIMER: 13 You said you butterflied a top round. Did 14 someone ask you to do that? 15 Yes. Α. 16 Q. Who? 17 Α. A customer. 18 Why did you do that as opposed to someone who cut meat more regularly than you? 19 20 MS. GRECO: Objection to form. THE WITNESS: 21 There was no meat cutter there.

- 22 BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
- 23 Q. Okay. Were the meat cutters the ones who

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96
1
       generally cut meat?
2
   MS. GRECO: Objection to form.
3
   THE WITNESS:
                  Tommy Howells.
4
   BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
5
       Tommy Howells was a meat cutter who generally cut
   Q.
6
       meat?
7
   Α.
       Yes.
       Okay. Anyone else during your employment you
8
    Q.
       considered a meat cutter who generally cut meat?
9
10
       In the beginning of my employment it was Nelson
   Α.
11
       Schultz Senior.
12
       Okay. Anyone else other than Nelson and Howells
13
       that you considered a meat cutter who regularly
14
       cut meat?
15
       I've seen --
   Α.
16
   MS. GRECO: Objection to form.
17
   THE WITNESS: I've seen Mark Leible and Jamie Lapress
18
       cut meat.
   BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
19
20
       Okay. Anyone else that you've seen cut meat?
   Q.
21
   Α.
       No.
22
   MS. GRECO: Other than herself?
23
   BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
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97
       Thomas Howells would leave some meat available if
1
   Q.
       someone needed a steak cut, you said?
3
   Α.
       Yes.
4
       Did you ever cut a steak?
   Q.
5
       Yes, I did.
   Α.
6
       And do you recall the instances when you did cut
   Q.
       a steak?
8
       It was a strip steak.
9
       A strip steak on one occasion?
10
   MS. GRECO: Objection to form.
11
   THE WITNESS: I don't recall.
12
   BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
13
      Do you recall cutting a strip steak, is that your
14
       testimony?
15
   MS. GRECO: Objection to form.
16
   THE WITNESS: Yes.
17
   BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
       All right. And when did you -- why did you cut
18
   Q.
       the strip steak?
19
20
       Because Tommy Howells was not there.
21
   Q.
       Did you have a customer who needed a strip steak?
22
   Α.
       Yes.
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And that's why you cut it, because Tommy Howells

23

Q.

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98
       was not there?
1
2
       Yes.
   Α.
3
       Is there anything else that you learned how to do
4
       at Black Angus during the period of your
5
       employment that you have not told us about?
6
       No, I wasn't given a chance or the opportunity.
   Α.
7
    Q.
       Okay.
              We'll get into that.
8
   MS. GRECO:
               Well, wait. Can you read her the stuff?
9
       Because it's all broken up so if there is any
10
                If not I'll have her go back on it.
       others.
                                                        You
11
       mean during any time or just in 2007?
12
    BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
13
       Is there anything else that you learned while you
14
       were at Black Angus that you have not talked to
15
       us about in terms of the jobs that you did there?
16
   Α.
       I did fliers.
17
       Okay. What does doing fliers mean?
    Q.
18
       You take fliers and take them to people's doors,
   Α.
19
       hang them on the door.
20
   Q.
       Okay.
21
   Α.
       Or put them inside the door.
22
       How many times did you do fliers?
23
    Α.
       Twice.
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99
1
       What were those -- tell us what was involved in
   Q.
2
       each of those occasions.
3
   MS. GRECO:
               Objection to form.
4
   THE WITNESS: I took fliers from the office, asked
5
       Diane and I did them with my niece and nephew and
6
       my youngest son on my own time.
7
   BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
8
       This is something you wanted to do and you asked
       Diane?
9
10
   Α.
       Yes.
11
    Q.
       Okay. This is not something Diane asked you to
12
       do?
13
       No.
   Α.
14
       Okay. And you said you did it on your own time?
15
   Α.
       Yes.
16
    Q.
       Okay. Why did you decide you wanted to do
17
       something with fliers on your own time?
18
       To help generate more customers.
   Α.
19
       For the store?
   Q.
20
   Α.
       Yes.
21
    Q.
       Okay. Were you able to generate more customers
22
       for the store as a result of handing out the
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fliers that you handed out?

100 1 I believe so. Α. Which customers did you generate? 0. 3 I don't recall. 4 How many customers did you generate? Q. 5 I don't recall. Α. 6 Q. How much business was done with the customers that you generated? I don't recall. 8 What year was it that you generated a customer by 9 10 handing out a flier? 11 MS. GRECO: Objection to form. You can answer. 12 THE WITNESS: I don't recall. 13 BY MR. OPPENHEIMER: 14 When one of the customers that you generated Q. 15 ordered product from the store did that customer 16 come in the store? 17 No. Α. 18 How did that customer do business with the store? 19 Called in. Α. 20 Okay. And was this then a delivery that was made Q. to the customer? 21 22 Yes. Α. 23 Did you at that time or any time identify the

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101
       customer to someone else as someone you produced?
1
2
       No, I -- it was brought to my attention.
3
       Who brought it to your attention?
4
       Diane.
   Α.
5
       What did Diane bring to your attention about the
   Q.
6
       customer?
7
   Α.
       They commented on how cute my niece was.
       On how cute whose niece was?
8
   Q.
9
       Mine.
   Α.
10
       Okay. How did the customer, to your knowledge,
11
       know anything about your niece?
12
       Because they walked with me.
13
       Okay. So when you handed out the fliers your
   Q.
14
       niece walked with you, is that what happened?
15
       My niece, my nephew, and my youngest son.
   Α.
16
    Q.
       Okay. Other than Diane bringing that particular
17
       customer to your attention, did anyone ever bring
18
       to your attention that someone else identified
19
       you as the reason for the business as a result of
       fliers you handed out?
20
   MS. GRECO: Objection to form. You can answer.
21
22
   THE WITNESS: Yes.
23
    BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
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104 1 Α. Yes. What was that? 0. 3 Learned how to answer phones. 4 How did you learn how to answer phones? Q. 5 I was told how. Α. 6 Okay. Who told you? Q. 7 Α. Debbie Negrych. When did Debbie tell you how to answer phones? 8 I don't recall. 9 Α. 10 When you were -- when you learned how to answer 11 phones, what did you learn? 12 What to say and how to say it. 13 Okay. Anything else? 14 Learn how to take the order, if it was an order Α. 15 for a pickup or for a delivery. 16 Q. Anything else with answering phones? 17 How they were paying for it. 18 Okay. Anything else that you learned about with Q. 19 respect to answering phones? 20 I can't recall at this time. Α. Are there other jobs that you learned how to do 21 Q. 22 at Black Angus in addition to the ones that 23 you've talked to us about?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. Okay. Tell me about them, please.
- 3 A. I learned how to secure the food stamps that
- 4 orders were going out for deliveries.
- 5 Q. Who taught you that?
- 6 A. Diane and Debbie.
- $7 \mid Q$. When did they teach you that?
- 8 A. I don't recall.
- 9 Q. What's involved in the process of securing food
- 10 stamps?
- 11 A. You have to call the main number and put in their
- card number and make sure that they have the food
- 13 stamps on the card for the delivery.
- 14 Q. Anything else?
- $15 \mid A$. You had purchase and you write down a code.
- 16 Q. Does that complete your answer on securing food
- 17 stamps?
- 18 A. At this time, yes.
- 19 Q. Okay. What other jobs did you learn how to do at
- 20 Black Angus that you have not talked about?
- 21 A. Checked in orders.
- 22 Q. What is checking in an order involve?
- 23 A. An order that comes in, either be the chip guy,

106 potato chip guy, Hostess guy. At that time they 1 had Luigi Rose or Sherwood order or even 3 sometimes Will Poultry's order. Who taught you how to check in orders of that 4 5 kind? 6 Α. No one. Q. How did you learn how to do it? 8 The delivery guy actually helped me what to look 9 for. And would the delivery guy stock or did you stock 10 11 with what those delivery guys delivered? 12 It depended on the product. 13 Okay. So what was involved in checking in orders 14 that you learned from the delivery guys? 15 How many we counted when there was so many boxes Α. 16 of a product, we counted the boxes to make sure 17 that there was that many that was on the invoice. 18 For every item that they -- that they put the order in and if there wasn't an item I had to put 19 20 a star next to it that we did not receive that 21 item. And the driver usually initialed it. 22 Was there a payment made to the driver at the 23 time of the delivery or not?

- 1 A. I didn't take care of that.
- Q. Okay. Do you know if there was a payment made to
- 3 the driver at the time of delivery that someone
- 4 else was responsible for?
- 5 A. I do not recall.
- 6 Q. Are there other jobs that you learned how to do
- 7 at Black Angus that you have not told us about?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Tell me about them.
- 10 A. Diane would bring an order in from BJ's Wholesale
- place and I would have to take all the product
- out of its containers, take the receipt and add
- thirty-five percent on top of that, price the
- product and put the product out.
- 15 Q. Okay. Are there any other jobs that you learned
- at Black Angus that you have not told us about?
- 17 A. I learned how to make salads.
- $18 \mid Q$. Tell us, who told you how to make salads?
- $19 \mid A$. The ones that they already carried in store they
- 20 -- Debbie Negrych and Linda Descalise, and I'm
- 21 not sure if I'm pronouncing her name right. They
- taught me.
- 23 Q. Okay.

- 1 A. And I had put three items that were my own
- creations, my own personal recipes in the
- 3 counter.
- 4 Q. What were those creations and recipes?
- 5 A. Of mine?
- 6 Q. Yes.
- 7 A. Homemade macaroni and cheese, old-fashioned
- 8 macaroni and cheese and a spiral antipasto.
- 9 Q. Okay. When were you taught how to make salads,
- 10 if you recall?
- 11 | A. I don't recall.
- 12 | Q. When did Diane teach you how to deal with the
- orders she brought in from BJ's?
- 14 A. I don't recall.
- $15 \mid Q$. When did you learn how to deal with the orders
- 16 from the guys, like the chip guy and the Hostess
- 17 delivery guys?
- 18 A. I don't recall.
- 19 Q. When did you learn how to secure the food stamps
- if you got an order over the phone for delivery?
- 21 A. I don't recall at this time.
- 22 Q. When did you learn how to answer the phones?
- 23 A. I don't recall at this time.

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1
       You described dealing with canned goods and the
    Q.
2
        glass jars, the peppers, pickles, et cetera.
3
        When did you learn how to describe that?
 4
        I don't recall.
5
       Did you ever -- I'm sorry. Have you ever -- did
    Q.
 6
        you learn how to do additional jobs at Black
        Angus that you have not described for us?
8
    MS. GRECO: So we're clear, that's at any time during
9
        her employment?
10
    MR. OPPENHEIMER: Right.
11
   MS. GRECO:
               Okay.
12
    THE WITNESS:
                  Yes.
13
    BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
14
    Q.
       What was that?
15
        I learned how to take apart the slicers and clean
    Α.
16
        them.
17
        These are the slicers in the deli?
18
       Yes.
    Α.
        That you described before, the three -- there
19
20
        were three slicers in the deli?
21
    Α.
        Yes.
22
    Ο.
        Okay.
23
    Α.
       And also the butcher slicer.
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- Q. When did you learn how to take apart the slicers in the deli?
- A. I've had some knowledge of that before I went there, so it was easy for me to learn their technique.
- Q. Okay. When did you learn how to take apart the slicers in the butcher area?
- 8 A. I don't recall at this time.
- 9 Q. Okay. Any additional jobs that you learned at the Black Angus that you have not told us about?
- 11 A. I learned how to clean out the sausage machine
 12 after they made sausage.
- Q. Is that something that you actually did in terms
 of cleaning out the sausage machine after they
 made sausage?
- 16 A. Not all the time.
- Q. How many times did you clean out the sausage machine?
- 19 A. I can recall right now of two times.
- 20 Q. Over the course of your five years of employment?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. Who taught you how to clean out the sausage machine?

- 1 A. Mark Leible.
- 2 | Q. Okay. When did he teach you how to do that?
- 3 A. While I was employed at Black Angus.
- 4 Q. Any particular year that you can zero in on?
- 5 A. I can't recall at this time.
- Q. Okay. Any other jobs that you learned while you were working at Black Angus?
- 8 A. I learned how to put up the meat wrapping paper and cellophane.
- Q. What is involved in putting up meat wrapping paper and the cellophane?
- 12 A. Going to the pack room, carrying up the big rolls
- and putting them on the machine, the table.
- 14 Q. Sorry. Who taught you how to do that?
- 15 A. Debbie Negrych.
- 16 Q. When were you taught how to do that?
- 17 A. Shortly after I started.
- 18 Q. Any other jobs that you learned how to do at
- 19 Black Angus?
- 20 MS. GRECO: If it's helpful, think of your last year
- of employment, like the last things you remember
- doing if you learned anything new or not.
- 23 THE WITNESS: I can't recall at this time.

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1
   BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
               If you remember later today feel free to,
       Okay.
3
        you know, say you just remembered something,
4
        something popped in your head.
5
       Okay.
   Α.
6
       And the idea is to get all of the information
    Q.
        that you have. It's not -- you remembered
8
        something?
9
   Α.
       Yes.
10
       Okay. Tell us.
   Q.
11
       I learned -- Thomas Howells taught me how to make
12
        cube steaks in the cuber machine.
13
       When did he do that?
   Q.
14
       I can't recall at this time.
   Α.
15
       How many times did you make steaks for sale to
    Q.
16
        customers at Black Angus using the cuber machine?
17
       I can't recall.
   Α.
18
       Can you recall even one?
19
   Α.
       Yes.
       Okay. Can you recall more than one?
20
    Q.
21
   Α.
       Yes.
22
       How many do you recall?
23
       I can recall at least five times.
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- Q. Okay. What is involved in making a steak using the cuber machine?
- A. You have to drop the meat that Tommy has already prepared and cut into the cuber machine one way, and then you turn it sideways and drop it in sideways, opposite the way you just dropped it in before.
- Q. Okay. Anything else that you learned to do at Black Angus that you have not already told us about? That one just popped in, are there --
- 11 A. Yeah. Yeah, I can't recall at this time.
- Q. All right. Well, as I said, if you remember
 later just, you know, throw your hand up and say
 you remember another one. Now, you indicated
 that there were things that you wanted to --
- MS. GRECO: Just a second. It's twelve o'clock, so
 is it a new area? Can we take a ten-minute break
 now, or we can keep going?
- 19 MR. OPPENHEIMER: I would say take a lunch break at twelve-thirty.
- MS. GRECO: I just want her to last the day, so part of me is thinking she's been here already two hours.

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   MR. OPPENHEIMER: It's up to you.
   MS. GRECO: We'll take a ten-minute break, and then a
3
       lunch break.
4
   MR. OPPENHEIMER: It's up to you.
5
   MS. GRECO: Let's let her get up and move around.
6
   MR. OPPENHEIMER: Fine with me.
             (Whereupon, a short recess was then taken.)
   BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
8
9
      All right. This morning a couple of times you
   Q.
10
       mentioned, Darcy, that -- is it all right if I
11
       refer to you as Darcy?
12
   Α.
       Yes.
13
       That you weren't given the opportunity to do some
14
       jobs but I want to do at this point is ask you
15
       about jobs that were done at Black Angus whether
16
       you ever did that job and whether that was
17
       something that you wanted the opportunity to do.
18
       Okay? So that's -- I just want to focus you on
19
       where I'm going with this. All right. So making
20
       deliveries of meat to customers, did you ever do
21
       that?
22
       No.
   Α.
23
       Was that something that you thought you should be
    Q.
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115 given the opportunity to learn how to do? 1 2 Yes. Α. 3 Now, you mentioned that you delivered fliers on a 4 couple of occasions on your own time. 5 delivering fliers on the company's time something 6 that you did at Black Angus? 7 Α. No. 8 Q. Was that something that you thought you should be 9 given the opportunity to do? 10 Yes. Α. 11 Q. There's been testimony about butchering meat as 12 involving, you know, taking down a whole animal. 13 Was that something that was done at Black Angus 14 other than with respect to the deer? 15 MS. GRECO: Objection. 16 BY MR. OPPENHEIMER: 17 Was butchering a whole animal something that was Q. 18 done at Black Angus? 19 MS. GRECO: Objection to form. Go ahead. 20 BY MR. OPPENHEIMER: 21 You know what I mean, you've got a quarter of an 22 animal or half of an animal and it comes in like 23 that and they have to take it down to its

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1
        constituent meat parts?
2
       No.
    Α.
3
        That wasn't done there. They got meat in boxes,
    Q.
 4
        right?
5
       Yes.
    Α.
 6
       Other than the deer that came in, right?
    Q.
7
    Α.
             Oh, I just remembered.
                                       I worked with the
8
        deer.
9
        Oh, okay. That was a job that you learned how to
10
        do at Black Angus?
11
              I took the hunters' information when they
12
        brought the deer in and I dragged them into the
13
        cooler and they wrapped the different deer
14
        products that the butcher or meat cutter cut off
15
        the deer.
16
    Q.
        The different venison products?
17
        Yes.
    Α.
18
        Who taught you how to do all that?
19
        Debbie Negrych.
    Α.
20
        When did she teach you how to do that?
    Q.
21
    Α.
        I do not recall.
22
        Okay. So going back to butchering of whole
    Ο.
23
        animals, that wasn't something that was done at
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117 Black Angus? 1 2 No. Α. 3 Okay. I mean apart from the deer. I'm not 4 talking about the deer. Okay. Meat cutting was 5 something that was done at Black Angus with 6 respect to the boxed meat that came in, right? 7 Α. Yes. 8 You mentioned the kind of cutting that you did, Q. 9 you mentioned the butterflying of the chickens 10 and all that other stuff. Other than that did 11 you want an opportunity to do additional meat 12 cutting at Black Angus? 13 Yes. Α. 14 Okay. Do you have knowledge of some different 15 terms that are used by butchers such as primal 16 cuts? 17 Yes, there's different grades. 18 Do you know what a primal cut is? 19 It's the prime, the top of the line. Α. 20 Okay. Do you know what section of the animal a Q. tri tip roast is cut from? 21 22 I don't recall. Α. 23 Do you know what a chuck roll is?

118 1 Α. I don't recall. Do you know the difference between a point and a 3 flat? 4 Α. Yes. 5 What is the difference? Q. 6 Α. A point and flat of what? Q. I'm asking you. 8 MS. GRECO: Objection to form. BY MR. OPPENHEIMER: 10 Have you ever heard the terms point or flat used 11 with respect to a particular cut of meat? 12 Α. No. 13 With respect to a brisket, do you know if there's 14 a point and a flat with respect to a brisket? 15 Yes. Α. 16 Q. Okay. What is the point and what's the flat on a 17 brisket? 18 The flat is where the grain goes all in one Α. direction and the point is at the opposite end. 19 Okay. What's the difference between a pork 20 Q. shoulder and a pork butt? 21

Okay. That's what I would have said.

Different ends of the pig.

22

23

Q.

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1
   MS. GRECO: Objection to form.
   BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
3
        In terms of processing the deer at Black Angus,
4
        did you ever skin a deer there?
5
       No.
   Α.
6
       Did you ever cut the limbs off a deer?
    Q.
7
   Α.
       Yes.
8
   Q.
       When did you do that?
9
       When people wanted the hooves when they brought
10
       them in.
11
       Okay. How many times did you do that?
12
       I can recall four times, because they wanted to
13
       make coat racks.
14
       Okay. Did you ever hang a deer?
   Q.
15
   Α.
       No.
16
   Q.
       Did you ever load the bone barrels?
17
       No.
   Α.
18
       With respect to the meat grinder at Black Angus,
19
       did you ever operate that as part of your job?
20
   Α.
       No.
21
    Q.
       You mentioned a cuber that was next to Tommy
22
       Howells' butchering area. Was there any other
23
        cuber at Black Angus?
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120 1 Α. No. Was there a smoker at Black Angus? 0. 3 Α. Yup. 4 Did you ever operate that as part of your job? Q. 5 No. Α. 6 With respect to the -- the deer that we were Q. 7 talking about, skinning and cutting the limbs off, hanging and loading the bone barrels, is 8 9 that a job that you wanted an opportunity to do? 10 Yes. Α. 11 MS. GRECO: Object to the form. 12 BY MR. OPPENHEIMER: 13 So you wanted an opportunity to do the deer 14 processing? 15 Yes. Α. 16 Q. And did you want an opportunity to learn how to 17 use the meat grinder? 18 Yes. Α. What was the meat grinder used for? 19 20 To make ground beef for the counter or to grind Α. 21 venison. 22 Okay. Was it used to make sausage? 0. 23 To grind pork or beef to make sausage.

then wrap them for either the counter -- or wrap

them, either put some in the counter or wrap them

22

122 for the freezer for packs. 1 2 So did you do part of the sausage making Q. Okay. 3 job? 4 I just dealt with the links. 5 What did you do with respect to the links? Q. 6 Α. I cut the links apart and either placed them in the counter or wrapped them. 8 Q. Was that for a particular kind of sausage or for 9 all of the sausage that they make? 10 For various sausage that they make. Α. 11 Q. Like the summer sausage, smoked sausage? 12 Α. Yes. 13 All the different pork sausage? 14 Yes, and venison. Α. 15 And venison. Was making sausage something that Q. 16 you weren't given the opportunity to do that you 17 wanted to do? 18 Yes. Α. 19 Did you ever make jerky as part of your job? 20 What stage of it? Α. 21 Q. Tell me what the stages of jerky making are.

- 22 You have to slice the muscle meat, then you let
- it sit in a brine, then you screen it for the 23

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123
1
        smoker, then you smoke it, then you take it off
        of the scraper, put it in a bin and you weigh it
3
        in one-pound packages.
4
        Which part of that job did you do?
5
        I sliced it.
    Α.
 6
    Q.
        Sliced the muscle meat?
7
    Α.
        Yes.
8
    Q.
        Okay.
9
        I screened it. I scraped it off and I bagged it
    Α.
10
        up.
11
        Okay.
              Did you want to learn how to do the other
12
        aspects of making jerky that you didn't describe
13
        but were part of that process?
14
    Α.
        Yes.
15
       And that's an opportunity that you were denied?
    Q.
16
    Α.
        Yes.
17
        So were you ever taught how to salt hides?
    Q.
18
    Α.
        No.
19
        Were you ever taught what's involved in the cure
20
        for the jerky?
21
    Α.
        No.
22
        Or the temperature that the water needs to be for
    Ο.
23
        mixing the brine containing the sodium nitrate?
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- 1 A. No.
- Q. When -- I mean, you started your employment in

 May of 2005 and it continued through May of 2010,
- 5 A. Yes.

correct?

4

6

- Q. When during that period of time did you believe you were denied the opportunity to learn how to deliver meat to customers?
- 9 A. I don't recall at this time.
- Q. Is that something that you -- when did you become aware that delivering meat to customers was one of the jobs that someone at Black Angus would do?
- 13 A. Shortly after I started there.
- Q. Okay. Are you able to -- without getting down to pinning down a date, are you able to say a year that you think that that opportunity to learn how to deliver meat to customers should have been offered to you?
- 19 A. In 2007.
- Q. Okay. Is there something about 2007 that you're thinking about with respect to why you should have been offered the opportunity to learn how to deliver meat to customers in that year?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. What's that?
- A. I had brought it up to Diane that I had a CDL license, it was clean, and that I would like to deliver.
- Q. I'm going to ask you the same kind of questions
 with respect to all this stuff. So in terms of
 delivering fliers on company time to try and grow
 the business, when do you think that you should
 have been given the opportunity to learn how to
 do that or to actually do that?
- 12 A. 2006.
- Q. Why do you think 2006 was the right time frame for giving you that opportunity?
- A. Because I got the basic knowledge of what goes on during a day and I really started, you know, loving all my customers and I just wanted it to grow.
- Q. How about meat cutting at Black Angus, when did
 you think that you should have been given an
 opportunity to learn more meat cutting at Black
 Angus?
- 23 A. 2007.

- Q. Why do you refer to that year as the year that you should have been given that opportunity?
- A. Because I displayed to Tommy Howells that I had

 been watching him and I learned how to like take

 the fat off of boneless pork chop, the loin and

 the silver skin off filet mignon, and I wanted to

 learn more.
- 8 Q. When did you think that you should have been 9 given the opportunity to learn how to process 10 deer?
- 11 A. 2007.
- Q. Why 2007? Why is 2007 the year that you think you should have been given that opportunity?
- A. Because I was doing a lot already and I wanted to further my educational part of Black Angus. I wanted to be a part of everything.
- Q. Okay. When do you think you should have been given an opportunity to learn how to use the meat grinder?
- 20 A. 2007.
- Q. Why is 2007 the year that you think you should have been given that opportunity?
- 23 A. That's when I talked to Tommy about the meat

- 1 cutting.
- Q. When do you think you should have been given the opportunity to learn the job of using the cuber?
- 4 A. I did use a cuber.
- Q. When -- but you said you -- you said you used it only, you know, maybe five times or a few times, and obviously Tommy was using it on a regular basis. Right?
- 9 A. And Debbie Negrych.
- Q. And Debbie Negrych. So when did you think you should be given that opportunity to use the cuber on a regular basis as part of your job at Black Angus?
- 14 A. I don't recall at this time.
- Q. Do you recall the year that you were using the cuber or with Tommy?
- A. I think it was right around 2007 when we were talking about the different meat products and the different cuts.
- 20 Q. So you learned how to use the cuber in 2007?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. Do you think, then, at some time in 2007 or after 2007 would have been the right time for the

137 Did you ever prepare any of the sanitation 1 Q. 2 solutions? 3 Α. Yes. 4 Okay. Is there a specific pH range for the Q. 5 sanitation solutions? 6 I was told how much to dump into a bucket. Α. 7 Q. Okay. How much in terms of quantity, volume? 8 Α. How much liquid. And what else would be added to the bucket? 9 10 Water. Α. 11 Q. And were you told the ratio of cleanser to water? 12 Α. Yes. 13 Okay. Was cleaning any of the vans part of 14 anyone's job at Black Angus while you were 15 working there? 16 Α. Not that I recall. 17 Okay. Was cleaning the exterior of the building Q. 18 a part of anyone's job while you were at Black Angus? 19 20 I believe Jamie Lapress was. Okay. Did you ever do any of the exterior 21 Q. 22 cleaning of the building?

I would pick up cigarette butts.

23

Α.

138 Is cleaning the exterior of the building a job 1 Q. that you wanted to be trained how to do? 3 Α. Yes. 4 When do you think you should have been offered Q. 5 the opportunity to learn what they wanted done 6 with respect to cleaning the exterior of the 7 building? I could have done that in 2006. 8 9 Would that -- cleaning the exterior of the Q. 10 building, would that have included snow 11 shoveling, as far as you're concerned, you wanted 12 to learn how to do that? 13 I did do that. 14 Did you do any of the landscaping outside? 15 Α. No. 16 Q. Did you take any garbage out? 17 Yes. Α. 18 Okay. Were you ever given a key to the butcher shop? 19 20 Α. No. 21 Q. Did you ever ask for a key? 22 Α. No. 23 Do you think you should have been given a key?

Case 1:15-cv-00049-WMS-HKS Document 109-3 Filed 09/19/19 Page 66 of 145 139 If I worked nights, yes. 1 Α. Do you think you should have been working nights? 0. 3 In the beginning I could have. 4 Okay. Was there a point at which you couldn't be Q. 5 working nights? 6 MS. GRECO: Object to the form. In 2009, November. THE WITNESS: BY MR. OPPENHEIMER: 8 9 What happened in November of 2009 that would have 10 prevented you from working nights? 11 I had to get a part-time job because Black Angus didn't offer health insurance. 12 13 Did you ever close out the cash register? 14 Α. No. 15 And is that because you didn't work nights? Q. 16 Α. Yes. 17 Is that something that you think they should have Q. 18 taught you how to do, to close out the cash register? 19

- 20 If I worked nights, yes.
- 21 Q. When do you think they should have started
- 22 scheduling you to work nights?
- 23 MS. GRECO: Objection to form.

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140
1
   THE WITNESS: I don't know.
   BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
3
       When do you think they should have taught you how
4
        to close out the cash register?
5
       In 2005.
   Α.
6
       Would that mean that you were available to work
    Q.
        nights from 2005 until sometime in November of
        2009?
8
9
       Yes.
   Α.
10
       With respect to this list of things that you were
11
       not given the opportunity to learn, I want to ask
12
        you if you ever asked the owners, the owners
13
       being let's -- I'll refer to it all individually.
14
        Did you ever ask Diane whether you could learn
15
       how to deliver meat to customers?
16
   Α.
       Yes.
17
       When did you do that?
   Q.
18
       Oh, 2007.
   Α.
19
       Did you ever ask Robert?
    Q.
20
   Α.
       No.
        Did you ever ask Keegan if you could deliver meat
21
    Q.
22
       to customers?
23
   Α.
       No.
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141
1
   MS. GRECO: Just so we're clear, you're just going to
       ask people as opposed to owners, right? Because
3
       he wasn't an owner.
4
   MR. OPPENHEIMER: Right, that's why --
5
   MS. GRECO: Just so I'm clear. I won't interrupt
6
       you.
7
   MR. OPPENHEIMER: That's why I went through Diane,
8
       Robert and Keegan.
9
   MS. GRECO: So just people.
10
   BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
11
       Right.
              Did you ever ask anyone else other than
12
       Diane, Robert and Keegan whether you could learn
13
       how to deliver meat to customers?
14
       Yes.
   Α.
15
       Who?
   Q.
16
   Α.
       Diane.
17
       I thought I mentioned Diane. Diane, Robert and
   Q.
18
       Keegan, anyone other than those three?
19
   Α.
       No.
20
       Okay. Did you ever ask Diane, Robert or Keegan
   Q.
21
       whether you could learn how to deliver fliers on
22
       company time or whether you could actually do
23
       that on company time?
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142
1
    Α.
        Yes.
        Who did you ask?
    Q.
3
        Diane.
    Α.
4
        When?
    Q.
5
        I don't recall.
    Α.
6
        Did you ask Robert?
    Q.
7
    Α.
        No.
8
        Did you ask Keegan?
    Q.
9
    Α.
        No.
10
        Did you ask anyone else?
11
    Α.
        No.
12
        Okay. Did you ask Diane, Robert, or Keegan
    Q.
13
        whether you could have the opportunity to learn
14
        meat cutting at Black Angus?
15
        No.
    Α.
16
    Q.
        Did you ask anyone else?
17
    Α.
        No.
18
        Did you ever ask Diane, Robert --
19
   MS. GRECO: Object to form.
20
    BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
        Did you ever ask Diane, Robert or Keegan to give
21
22
        you the opportunity to learn how to process deer?
23
    Α.
        What part of it?
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143
       Well, you indicated that you thought they should
1
   Q.
2
       have given you the opportunity to learn how to
3
        process deer sometime in 2007. Do you recall
4
        saying that to me?
5
       Yes.
   Α.
6
       Okay.
               So what I'm wondering is, did you ever ask
    Q.
7
        Diane, Robert or Keegan for the opportunity to
8
        learn how to process the deer?
9
   Α.
       Yes.
10
       Who did you ask?
    Q.
11
   Α.
       Diane.
12
       What year?
   Q.
13
       I don't recall.
   Α.
14
       Did you ever ask Diane, Robert or Keegan for an
   Q.
15
        opportunity to learn how to use the meat grinder?
16
   Α.
       No.
17
       Did you ever ask Diane, Robert or Keegan -- did
    Q.
18
        you ever ask anyone else for an opportunity how
19
        to use the meat grinder?
20
   Α.
       Thomas.
21
    Q.
        Okay. Anyone else other than Thomas?
22
       No.
    Α.
       Do you recall what Thomas said to you when you
23
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144
1
        asked him for an opportunity to learn how to use
       the meat grinder?
3
       I don't recall at this time.
4
       Okay. Did you ever ask Diane, Robert or Keegan
   Q.
5
        for an opportunity to learn how to use the cuber?
6
   Α.
       No.
    Q.
       Anyone else that you asked for an opportunity to
8
        learn how to use the cuber?
9
       Thomas.
   Α.
10
       Is that what you told us about earlier?
11
    Α.
       Yes.
12
       Okay. The same thing, when you mentioned Thomas
   Q.
13
        about the meat grinder, you talked about that a
14
        little earlier, right?
       Um-hum.
15
   Α.
16
    Q.
       Okay. Did you ever ask Diane, Robert or Keegan
17
        for an opportunity to learn how to use the
18
        smoker?
19
   Α.
       No.
20
       And that would include learning how to clean it
    Q.
21
        as well, never asked them?
22
       No.
   Α.
       Did you ever ask Diane, Robert or Keegan for an
23
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145
1
        opportunity to learn how to make sausage, the
2
        entire process?
3
    Α.
        No.
4
    Q.
        Did you ever ask Diane, Robert or Keegan for an
5
        opportunity to learn how to make jerky, the
6
        entire process?
7
    Α.
        No.
        Did you ever ask Diane, Robert or Keegan for an
8
    Q.
9
        opportunity to learn how to assemble and
10
        disassemble the grinder?
11
    Α.
        No.
12
        Did you ever ask anyone else about that?
    Q.
13
        Tommy.
    Α.
14
        Did you ever ask Diane, Robert or Keegan for an
    Q.
15
        opportunity to learn how to assemble and
        disassemble the stuffer?
16
17
        No.
    Α.
18
        Did you ever ask Diane, Robert or Keegan for an
19
        opportunity to learn how to assemble or
20
        disassemble the cuber?
21
    Α.
        No.
22
        Did you ever ask Diane, Robert or Keegan for
    0.
23
        opportunities to learn how to clean the exterior
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167 Why do you believe that gender has something to 1 Q. 2 do with the reason you were not given an 3 opportunity to deliver meat to customers? 4 Because no females were ever trained or asked, 5 even when I had brought it to Diane's attention. 6 Any other reasons that you believe what you Q. 7 believe concerning that opportunity? I believe the guys got trained and treated better 8 9 than the women there. 10 Your testimony is that you regularly observed 11 that male employees received more favorable 12 treatment than you with respect to training 13 opportunities? 14 MS. GRECO: Objection to form. 15 THE WITNESS: Yes. 16 BY MR. OPPENHEIMER: 17 Is that your testimony? Q. 18 Α. Yes. 19 Do you believe that one of the reasons that you 20 were not given an opportunity with respect to the 21 delivery of fliers on company time had something 22 to do with gender? 23 Α. Yes, I do.

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184
1
       treatment at Black Angus Meats?
2
       No.
   Α.
3
       Okay. What was the treatment at Black Angus
    Q.
4
       Meats for which you received counseling from the
5
       Dale Association?
6
       Being yelled at in front of customers.
   Α.
7
    Q.
       For what?
8
   Α.
       Not wrapping something correctly.
9
       Okay. What else?
   Q.
10
       My breaks. I was the one targeted all the time.
   Α.
       Okay.
11
   Q.
12
       The guys weren't.
13
       Okay. You think that you were targeted for
   Q.
14
       breaks and the guys weren't had something to do
15
       with your gender?
16
   Α.
       Yes.
17
       Why do you think that?
   Q.
18
       Because they got to go out whenever they wanted.
   Α.
       Even when I went out with them I got called back
19
20
       in to go on the counter and they didn't.
21
   Q.
       Okay. What else were you receiving counseling
22
       for regarding the treatment at Black Angus Meats?
   MS. GRECO: Objection to form. You can answer.
23
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185 1 THE WITNESS: How I was ignored by owners. BY MR. OPPENHEIMER: 3 I'm going to try and go at this another way. 4 Okay? I think it just seems to me like you're 5 struggling, and maybe my questions are not clear 6 and that is very possible. The reason I'm raising this is what I'm trying to figure out is when you think all of this discrimination started 8 9 at Black Angus Meats. That's the big topic that 10 I want to address. When do you think it started? 11 And the reason I read this sentence is that it 12 says during the last four years I worked I 13 received counseling because of my treatment at 14 Black Angus Meats. You told me that the 15 treatment that you're referring to here started sometime in 2006, right? 16 17 The end. Α. 18 MS. GRECO: Objection to form. BY MR. OPPENHEIMER: 19 20 The end of 2006, right? Q. 21 Α. Yes. 22 Okay. Is it the treatment that you're referring 23 to that started sometime in 2006, did that have

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189
1
       Okay. On the top of the page it indicates it was
    Q.
2
        received by the EEOC on January 3rd of 2011.
3
        Does that help you refresh your recollection?
4
       It must have been.
    Α.
5
       Okay. So you think you signed it on December 16
    Q.
 6
        of 2010 and that the EEOC time stamped it in on
        January 3rd of 2011, that's what that appears to
        show us, right?
8
9
    Α.
       Yes.
10
       Okay. Under earliest there's a block, it says
11
       date discrimination took place. It's down here.
12
       Do you see it?
13
       Yes.
    Α.
14
       It says the earliest, and then it's got a date of
       5/16/2004. Do you see that?
15
16
    Α.
       Yes.
17
       Now, is that a typo? Would that be --
    Q.
18
       Yes.
    Α.
       2005?
19
    Q.
20
    Α.
       Yes.
21
    Q.
       Okay. Because you didn't start your employment
22
       in 2004, you started it in May of 2005, right?
23
    Α.
       Yes.
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195
1
        you're claiming in this case that you claim had
        something to do with gender or race.
3
       Yes.
    Α.
 4
       When?
    Q.
5
       When I started performing more duties at work.
    Α.
       Okay. Was that sometime in 2005?
 6
    Q.
7
       When I started in 2006, the beginning.
    Α.
       Okay. The beginning of 2006?
8
    Q.
9
    Α.
       Yes.
10
       Okay. So you think sometime in the beginning of
        2006 the discrimination started?
11
12
       Yeah.
    Α.
13
    MS. GRECO: Objection to form.
14
    BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
15
    Q.
       I'm just trying to figure out what you're saying.
16
       Prior to reading this --
17
       As my duties I learned more there, I wanted to
18
        learn more so that I could get better pay raises
19
        like the guys did. That's what their -- they
20
       were doing so I thought I could do that too to
21
       better myself because I was helping the company
22
       better.
23
    MS. GRECO: He's asking about all your
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198
1
        for purposes of whether he was being paid more
2
        for doing similar work?
3
       We were doing the same work.
4
       I'm asking you if you compare yourself to Sean
   Q.
5
       Round.
6
   Α.
       Yes.
7
    Q.
       Okay. Do you compare yourself to Jamie Lapress?
8
   Α.
       Yes.
9
       For your pay claims?
10
       I could be.
   Α.
11
    Q.
       Okay. You could be or you are comparing yourself
12
        to Jamie Lapress for your pay claims?
13
       Yes.
   Α.
14
       Are you comparing yourself to Mark Leible for
15
       your pay claims?
16
   Α.
       Yes.
17
       Okay. The paragraph after Sean Round refers to
    Q.
18
        Patrick Howells in October to March each year
        during the time I was employed. So again, that
19
20
        is what I was focused on, trying to figure out if
21
        your pay claims began when your employment began.
22
       Right?
23
   Α.
       Yes.
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217
1
       you were working in the pack room, is it
       something that you regularly observed?
3
   Α.
       Yes.
4
       Paragraph -- read paragraph twenty-five to
   Q.
5
       yourself, just like we did with paragraph
6
       twenty-four.
7
   Α.
       Okay.
       All right. When did you first observe the facts
8
   Q.
9
       on which the -- which are addressed in paragraph
       twenty-five?
10
11
   Α.
       Towards the end of 2007.
12
       And after you observed those facts, was that
    Q.
13
       something that you regularly observed for the
14
       rest of your employment?
15
       I don't understand the question.
   Α.
16
    Q.
       Okay. You became aware that your time was being
17
       closely scrutinized whereas another male's was
18
       not, and you say that happened toward the end of
       2007, right?
19
20
   Α.
       Yes.
       What I'm asking you is, how long did that
21
    Q.
22
       continue, that your time was scrutinized and the
23
       males' were not?
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218 Until the end of my employment. 1 Α. Look at paragraph twenty-six. 0. Okay. 3 Α. Okay. 4 When did you first observe the situation which is Q. 5 described in paragraph twenty-six? 6 Α. Which situation? 7 Q. Oh, the fact that he was twenty minutes -- Jamie 8 was twenty minutes or an hour and a half late and 9 wasn't reprimanded? 10 The end of 2007. Α. 11 Q. When did you first observe the situation 12 involving him going behind the dumpster and 13 smoking marijuana? 14 I can't recall. Α. 15 Are you able to say what year it was? Q. 16 Α. No. 17 The next sentence, you say management was aware Q. 18 of this. Are you referring to the -- that Jamie 19 was behind the dumpster smoking marijuana? 20 Α. Yes. 21 Q. Who in management was aware of it?

- 22 A. Keegan Roberts.
- 23 Q. Okay. And you say someone was joking with Mr.

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219
       Lapress and making these comments that quoted,
1
       who was it that you say was joking with Mr.
       Lapress and making the comments?
3
4
   MS. GRECO: Objection.
5
   THE WITNESS: Keegan Roberts and Thomas Howells.
6
   MS. GRECO:
                Okay.
   BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
8
   Q.
       Okay. Two different people were making those
9
       comments?
10
   Α.
       Yes.
11
   Q.
       Who said oh, are you stoned today?
12
       Thomas Howells.
13
       And who said did you have your daily appointment
14
       with the dumpster?
15
       I believe both Keegan and Tommy said it.
   Α.
16
   Q.
       Okay. Now, you indicate no action was taken
17
       against Jamie. Is that in reference to him being
       late but that no action was taken against him?
18
19
   MS. GRECO: Objection to form. You can answer.
20
   BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
21
   Q. You refer to several things in the paragraph.
22
       want to make sure I understand what you're
23
       referring to or what your counsel referred to, if
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- 22 A. I was not late.
- 23 Q. Okay. So there wasn't ever a situation where you

- can say that you were reprimanded for being late
 whereas Jamie was not reprimanded for being late?
- 3 A. Can you repeat the question?
- Q. I'm trying to figure out if your claim in the
 case is that you were reprimanded for doing
 something and Jamie wasn't reprimanded for doing
 that thing or something worse. So if you were
 never late you were never reprimanded, right?
- 9 A. Correct.
- Q. And you're saying Jamie was late and he was not reprimanded. I'm trying to figure out if you're saying that you were treated differently than him because he wasn't reprimanded for being late.
- 14 A. Well, I can't compare it because I was never late.
- 16 Q. Okay.
- 17 MS. GRECO: Objection to form.
- 18 BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
- Q. Okay. So is there something about your terms and conditions of employment that you think is different than Jamie's because of the fact that he would leave and go behind the dumpster and smoke marijuana?

- 1 A. You don't do that in the workplace.
- 2 Q. Okay. Are you saying that he got -- like he just
- 3 would take a break during the middle of the day,
- 4 that didn't count against him and you couldn't do
- 5 that?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. All right. And that occurred in around the end
- 8 of 2007 is when it started?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 | Q. And that continued throughout the period of your
- employment through the end of your employment?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 | MS. GRECO: Objection to form to those questions.
- 14 BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
- 15 | Q. In paragraph twenty-five, just going back one
- 16 page, when you say -- when your counsel said your
- time was closely scrutinized, do you see that in
- 18 the first line of paragraph twenty-five?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 MS. GRECO: Objection to form.
- 21 BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
- 22 Q. Is that language you would use, that your time
- was closely scrutinized to describe. What

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223
1
       happened to you?
2
   MS. GRECO: Objection to form.
3
   THE WITNESS:
                  It could be.
4
   BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
5
       Tell me what happened that you think means that
6
       your time was closely scrutinized what happened
       that you're referring to as being a close
8
       scrutiny of your time?
9
       They kept tabs on all my breaks so I felt
10
       compelled to mark my timecards with every time I
11
       walked out the door to every time I walked in.
12
       Okay. And that began in I think you said
13
       sometime in 2007.
14
       Yes, the end.
   Α.
15
   Q.
       Okay. And this portion of paragraph twenty-nine
16
       where you're indicating that Keegan --
17
   MS. GRECO: Wait. Wait. We're not --
18
   BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
       Twenty-five where Keegan would come out and he
19
20
       would look at his arm as if he were looking at
21
       his watch, did that also happen in 2007?
22
       I don't recall. It happened, but I'm not sure of
23
       the time frame.
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224
       Okay. Is this something that you regularly
1
   Q.
2
       observed after you first became aware of it in
3
       2007, that your time was closely scrutinized?
4
       Yes, when I began to work in the pack room.
5
       Okay. Is the -- is it also true for paragraph
   Q.
6
       twenty-six that once you became aware of Jamie
       being treated more favorably, that is something
8
       you regularly observed through the end of your
9
       employment?
10
   Α.
       Yes.
11
   Q.
       When did you first become aware of the situation
12
       involving Sean Round that is described in
13
       paragraph twenty-seven?
14
       When I started working in the pack room.
   Α.
15
       2007?
   Q.
16
   Α.
       Yes.
17
   MS. GRECO: Did you read the whole thing? He's going
18
       to ask you questions about it.
19
   THE WITNESS: I did.
20
   BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
21
   Q.
       Okay. So it was -- Sean Round was treated
22
       differently in terms of getting Saturdays off,
23
       that's part of what you're alleging -- your
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225 counsel alleged in paragraph twenty-seven? 1 2 Yes. Α. 3 And that is something you became aware of in 4 2007? 5 Yes. Α. 6 Q. And that continued for the balance of the period 7 of time that Sean was employed there while you 8 were employed? 9 Α. Yes. 10 Okay. Then you mentioned that he would come in 11 anywhere from a half hour to an hour and a half 12 late and would mark his timecard as if he arrived 13 at the scheduled time. When did you become aware 14 of that? I'm asking when you became aware of the 15 timecard business that you have in paragraph 16 twenty-seven. 17 MS. GRECO: I was just directing her to where it is 18 so she knows where to read. 19 THE WITNESS: I don't recall when Tommy brought it to 20 my attention. 21 BY MR. OPPENHEIMER: 22 Is the basis for your knowledge about the 23 timecard business involving Sean Round, that is

226 referenced in this paragraph from Tommy Howells? 1 2 Yes. Α. 3 Did you ever observe Sean Round do something with 4 his timecard that indicated that he filled it out 5 in a different time than he actually arrived? 6 After Tommy said something to him he started --Α. 7 Q. I'm sorry. After Tommy said something to him he 8 started --9 Carrying his timecard in his pocket. 10 Okay. And and do you have some belief as to why Q. 11 he started carrying it in his pocket? 12 Yeah, because Tommy caught him marking his time 13 wrong. 14 Do you know whether that continued after Tommy Q. 15 caught him? 16 MS. GRECO: Objection to form. 17 THE WITNESS: I don't know. 18 BY MR. OPPENHEIMER: You mentioned -- your counsel mentioned something 19 20 in paragraph twenty-seven about Sean Round's 21 girlfriend coming to the store and him being able

to leave with management being aware of it, but

not taking any action against him. Do you see

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227
1
        that?
2
        Yes.
    Α.
3
        All right. So you became aware of that sometime
    Q.
 4
        in the summer of 2009?
5
        Yes.
    Α.
 6
        Okay. Had it happened prior to the summer of
    Q.
7
        2009?
        Not aware of it.
8
    Α.
9
        Look at paragraph twenty-eight.
10
        Okay.
    Α.
11
    Q.
        Okay.
              When did you become aware of the
12
        circumstances addressed in paragraph twenty-eight
13
        with respect to Mark Leible being late?
14
        When he was my partner in the pack room.
    Α.
15
        And that was in 2007, right?
    Q.
16
    Α.
        I can't recall.
17
        You indicate that he was also allowed to take
    Q.
18
        smoke breaks throughout the day. When did you
19
        become aware of that?
20
        When him and Matt Marshall would sneak out the
21
        back door by the garage door.
22
        Are you able to put a date on that?
23
    Α.
        No.
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228
       You address that subject matter in paragraph
1
   Q.
        twenty-nine where Matt Marshall was taking
3
        smoking breaks throughout the day?
4
       Yes.
   Α.
5
       All right. Is it your claim that you were not
    Q.
6
       allowed to take smoking breaks throughout the day
       on the same basis that employees like Mark Leible
       and Matt Marshall were permitted to do so?
8
9
   Α.
       Yes.
10
       And is it your contention that is because of your
11
       gender?
12
   Α.
       Yes.
13
       And why do you believe it's because of your
14
       gender?
15
       Because the guys got to do whatever they wanted.
   Α.
16
   Q.
       All right. Go to paragraph thirty-one, please.
17
   MS. GRECO: Thirty-one?
   MR. OPPENHEIMER: Yes.
18
19
   MS. GRECO:
               Okay.
20
   THE WITNESS:
                  Okay.
21
   BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
22
       When did you first become aware of the situation
       which is described in paragraph thirty-one?
23
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229 In early parts of 2007. 1 Α. Once you observed that male employees were given 0. 3 a preference for taking off of Saturdays in 2007, 4 did you regularly observe that to continue 5 throughout the balance of your employment? 6 Α. Yes. 7 Q. Do you know if other females other than yourself 8 were denied requests to take off on Saturday? 9 Α. Yes. 10 Who was that? Q. 11 Α. Debbie Negrych. 12 This paragraph of the Complaint refers to one Q. 13 situation in April of 2010 when you requested to 14 take a Saturday off four weeks in advance and 15 that was denied. Were there other situations 16 where you requested to be scheduled off on a 17 Saturday and those requests were denied? 18 Yes. Α. 19 Are you able to tell us when those requests were 20 made, what years? I don't recall at this time. 21 Α. 22

23 2005, '6, '7, able to pin it down in a year?

Was it -- did it begin sometime in, let's say,

230 1 Α. No. Paragraph thirty-two, could you read that to Q. 3 yourself, please. 4 Okay. Α. 5 When did the situation that's referred to in Q. 6 paragraph thirty-two first come to your 7 attention? 8 When I began working in the pack room. 9 Again, that's 2007? 10 MS. GRECO: He asked the question. 11 THE WITNESS: Yes. 12 BY MR. OPPENHEIMER: 13 Is it your contention that the reason Robert 14 Seibert and Keegan Roberts greeted the male 15 employees but would walk away from you and refuse 16 to acknowledge you had something to do with your 17 gender? 18 Yes. Α. Okay. Why do you believe that? 19 20 Because I was the only female back there. Α. 21 Q. Once you observed that occurring in 2007, did 22 that regularly continue for the balance of your 23 employment?

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231
1
    Α.
        Yes.
        Paragraph thirty-three, please read that to
3
        yourself.
4
        Okay.
    Α.
5
        Which employee -- which male employee said,
    Q.
 6
        quote, she's got a nice ass?
7
        Sean Round.
    Α.
8
        When did he say that?
    Q.
9
        While in the pack room.
    Α.
10
        When did he first say it?
    Q.
11
    Α.
        I can't recall.
12
        How many times did he say it?
    Q.
13
        Several.
    Α.
14
        How many is several to you?
    Q.
15
    Α.
        I can't recall.
        When is the first time he said it?
16
    Q.
17
        I can't recall.
    Α.
18
        When is the last time he said it?
    Q.
19
        Shortly before I left.
    Α.
20
        Sometime in 2010?
    Q.
21
    Α.
        Yes.
22
        Do you know to whom he was referring when he said
    Ο.
23
        she's got a nice ass?
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232 1 Raelean Rush. Α. Did you ever tell Raelean Rush that he said that? 0. 3 He said it to her face. 4 Was she in the pack room when he said that? Q. 5 Yes. Α. 6 Was the statement she's got a nice ass made by Q. Sean Round on those several occasions always in the pack room? 8 9 Yes. Α. 10 Did Raelean Rush ever say something to you about 11 her reaction to his statement that she's got a 12 nice ass? 13 I witnessed it. She didn't have to say it. 14 What did you witness? Q. 15 Her yelling at him. Α. 16 Q. What did she say? 17 I don't recall word for word. 18 Well, in substance? MS. GRECO: Object to form. Generally he's asking 19 20 Do you remember? you. BY MR. OPPENHEIMER: 21 22 Yes, generally. Did she tell him to bug off,

23

shut up?

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233
       Something like that, yeah.
1
    Α.
       She indicated in no uncertain terms she didn't
3
        like hearing the words, is that fair?
4
    MS. GRECO: Object to form.
5
    THE WITNESS: Yes.
 6
    BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
       Okay. Did he say that only when Raelean was in
8
       the pack room?
9
       No.
    Α.
10
       He would say it to you when Raelean was not
11
       there?
12
       Not to me.
13
       Who would he say it to?
14
    Α.
       Keegan.
15
       Okay. And would he say it to Keegan when Raelean
    Q.
16
       was not there?
17
       Yes.
    Α.
18
       Okay. And on how many times did that -- or was
19
        that part of the several that you referred to
20
        earlier that the total number of times you heard
        Sean Round say she's got a nice ass was several?
21
22
    MS. GRECO: Objection to form.
23
    THE WITNESS: Yes.
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234
1
    BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
              Who said your headlights are on?
        Okay.
3
        Sean Round.
 4
       And when did he say that?
    Q.
5
        About a customer that was coming in.
    Α.
 6
    Q.
        When?
7
    Α.
        While I was employed at Black Angus.
8
    Q.
        What year?
        I don't recall.
9
    Α.
10
        How many times did he say that?
11
    Α.
        I heard that once.
12
        Who said oh, look at that cleavage?
    Q.
13
        Sean Round.
    Α.
14
        When did he say it?
    Q.
15
        While I was employed at Black Angus.
    Α.
16
    Q.
        What year?
17
        I don't recall.
    Α.
18
        To whom did he say it?
19
        To Keegan, Jamie Lapress and Turtle, which is
    Α.
20
        William Fries.
        Where was Sean Round standing when he said it?
21
    Q.
22
       He walked in from putting a pack on the cart in
23
        the room outside the pack room, back to the pack
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235
1
        room on the other side opposite from me.
2
        How many times did you hear Sean Round say oh,
    Q.
3
        look at that cleavage?
4
        One time that I can recall.
5
        Okay. Who said does the carpet match the drapes?
    Q.
6
    Α.
        Thomas Howells.
7
    Q.
        When did he say that?
8
        While I was employed at Black Angus.
9
        What year?
    Q.
10
        I don't recall.
    Α.
11
    Q.
        How many times did he say it?
12
        Two that I know of.
13
        To whom did he say it?
    Q.
14
        Debbie Negrych and myself.
    Α.
15
        Did you say anything in response?
    Q.
16
    Α.
        Yeah, what does that mean.
17
        What did he say?
    Q.
18
        He explained it to me.
    Α.
19
        Did Debbie Negrych say anything in response to
    Q.
20
        what he said?
21
    Α.
        She laughed.
22
        After he explained it to you, did you say
23
        anything to him?
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236 1 I don't recall. Α. What is the -- strike that. During your -- the Ο. 3 period of your employment at Black Angus, did you 4 hear other male employees make comments of a 5 sexual nature other than those that are listed or 6 quoted in paragraph thirty-three? 7 Can you repeat the question? 8 Yes. During the period of your employment at Q. 9 Black Angus, did you hear male employees make 10 comments of a sexual nature other than the ones 11 that are quoted in paragraph thirty-three? 12 Not that I can recall. 13 Did you ever make comments of a sexual nature 14 while you were employed? 15 MS. GRECO: Objection to the form. 16 THE WITNESS: What? 17 BY MR. OPPENHEIMER: Did you ever make comments of a sexual nature 18 19 while you were employed at Black Angus? 20 No, I did not. Α. Did you ever say in describing your husband that 21

- 22 he's a two pump chump?
- 23 Α. No, I did not.

- Q. Why didn't you make a complaint too, or did you make a complaint to anyone at any time about the male employees making comments of a sexual nature to female employees?
- 5 A. Keegan was in the pack room and he was the manager at the time.
- Q. My question was, did you make a complaint to anyone at any time about male employees making comments of a sexual nature to female employees?
- 10 MS. GRECO: Asked and answered. Tell him again.
- 11 THE WITNESS: Keegan was in the pack room at the time.
- 13 BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
- Q. Okay. So why did the fact that Keegan was in the pack room at the time affect your decision not to go to Diane Seibert and make a complaint?
- 17 A. He was the manager.
- Q. And because he was in the room you decided not to go to one of the other owners?
- 20 A. Yes.

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4

Q. Okay. Why didn't you go to Robert Seibert and
say to Robert, you know, these comments are being
made of a sexual nature in the pack room, Keegan

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240
       is in there and I want someone in ownership to
1
       stop it?
3
   MS. GRECO: Objection to form. You can answer.
 4
   THE WITNESS: I don't recall.
5
   BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
 6
       I mean, you thought about it, but you don't have
   Q.
       a memory as to why you didn't do it?
   MS. GRECO: Objection to form.
8
   THE WITNESS: I don't recall.
9
   BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
10
11
       I heard -- when you said I don't recall, I'm
12
       trying to figure out whether when you're saying I
13
       don't recall it means that you thought about it.
14
   MS. GRECO:
               Then ask a question. Objection to form.
15
   THE WITNESS:
                  I answered your question.
16
   MR. OPPENHEIMER:
                    You made an affirmative decision
17
       not -- counsel?
18
   MS. GRECO: I understand, but you keep restating.
19
       Just ask the question as a question.
20
   BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
   Q. You made an affirmative decision not to go to two
21
22
       of the three owners to make a complaint about
23
       sexual comments that were being made to female
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241
1
       employees because Keegan was in the pack room for
       one of the comments?
2
3
   MS. GRECO: Objection to form.
4
   BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
5
      Is that your testimony?
6
   MS. GRECO: Objection to form.
   THE WITNESS:
                  Yes.
8
   BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
9
      Keegan wasn't there for the comment she's got a
10
       nice ass, right?
11
   Α.
       Yes.
12
      He wasn't there, correct?
13
   MS. GRECO: Objection to form.
14
   THE WITNESS: I already answered that question.
15
   MS. GRECO: No, was he there.
16
   BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
17
   Q. Was he there?
   MS. GRECO: Ask it that way. Can you answer it?
18
19
   THE WITNESS: Yes.
20
   BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
       You're saying Keegan was there when Sean Round
21
22
       made the comment she's got a nice ass?
23
       Yes, when Raelean wasn't in the pack room.
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242
1
   Q.
      And --
   MS. GRECO:
               She said that.
3
   BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
4
      And Sean was -- and Keegan was there when someone
5
       said your headlights are on?
6
   MS. GRECO:
               Objection to form, but you can answer.
                  I don't recall.
   THE WITNESS:
8
   BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
9
       Was Keegan there when someone said oh, look at
10
       that cleavage?
11
   Α.
       Yes.
12
       Okay. And was Keegan there when Howells said
    Q.
13
       does the carpet match the drapes?
14
   Α.
       No.
15
       Why didn't you go to Robert Seibert or Diane and
    Q.
16
       make a complaint about the comment made by Tom
17
       Howells concerning does the carpet match the
18
       drapes?
       I don't recall. I don't know.
19
20
   MS. GRECO: Just wait for a question. He asks a
21
       question, you answer.
22
   BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
23
       Just so I'm clear, none of the comments that were
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243
1
       made that are quoted in paragraph thirty-three
       were directed to you, is that right?
3
   MS. GRECO:
               Object to the form.
4
   BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
5
       Is that right?
   Q.
6
   Α.
       One of them were.
7
    Q.
       Okay. So when Sean said she's got a nice ass,
8
       that wasn't directed to your ass, was it?
9
   Α.
       No.
10
       Okay. When Sean said your headlights are on,
11
       that wasn't directed to you, was it?
12
   Α.
       No.
13
      And when Sean said oh, look at that cleavage,
14
       that wasn't directed to you, was it?
15
       No.
   Α.
16
   Q.
       And when Howells said does the carpet match the
17
       drapes, that wasn't directed to you, was it?
18
       Yes.
   Α.
19
       That was directed to you?
   Q.
20
       Yes.
   Α.
21
   MS. GRECO: That's what she said.
22
   BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
23
   Q. So Howells said directly to you does the carpet
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- 1 match the drapes?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. And you decided not to make a complaint about the
- 4 fact that he said that, right?
- 5 A. Being a manager, I walked into the cooler.
- 6 Q. You decided that you weren't going to make a
- 7 complaint because he was a manager, is that what
- 8 you're saying?
- 9 A. I walked into the cooler after Debbie.
- 10 Q. All right. After Debbie for what?
- 11 A. To tell her.
- 12 | Q. Okay. And did you tell Debbie?
- 13 A. Yes, I did.
- 14 Q. Okay. And that's when you said she laughed?
- $15 \mid A$. She laughed when he said it to her prior to that.
- 16 Q. Okay. What did you say to Debbie?
- 17 MS. GRECO: I'm just confused. Are you talking about
- the incident when he said it to her?
- 19 BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
- 20 Q. What did you say to Debbie when you walked into
- 21 the cooler?
- 22 A. I told her that he said it to me.
- 23 Q. Okay. Didn't she hear it when he said it to you?

245 1 She was in the cooler. Α. So what happened after you said that to Debbie? Q. 3 Debbie told me that he said it to her. 4 At some other time? Q. 5 Α. Yes. 6 And what did you say to Debbie in response to Q. that? 8 I don't recall. Did you ever say I want to make a complaint about 9 10 this? 11 MS. GRECO: Objection to form. 12 THE WITNESS: I don't know. 13 BY MR. OPPENHEIMER: 14 Did you ever hear or see Sean Round ask a female employee out on a date? 15 16 Α. Yes. 17 Who was that? Q. 18 Raelean Rush. Α. 19 When was it? Q. 20 While I was employed at Black Angus Meat. Α. What year? 21 Q. 22 I don't know. Α.

MS. GRECO: Objection to the form of the questions,

256 Α. No. 1 All of your pay was through the paychecks -- the Q. 3 payroll system? 4 Yes. Α. 5 Okay. Turn to page P321 in Exhibit D-11. What Q. 6 is this page of Exhibit D-11? 7 A resume I had help with. Okay. Is it something that you prepared? 8 9 MS. GRECO: Objection to form. THE WITNESS: I had help with it from One Stop. 10 11 BY MR. OPPENHEIMER: 12 Q. Okay. And is the substance of the information 13 contained in this document something you provided 14 so that it could be completed? 15 MS. GRECO: Objection. 16 THE WITNESS: I actually provided more, but he picked 17 out stuff for me to put that was pertaining to 18 the job I was applying for. BY MR. OPPENHEIMER: 19 20 With respect to the entry for a period of 4/04 to 21 5/10, it says that there was -- you were customer 22 service, cashier at Black Angus Meat Market. Do 23 you see that?

Case 1:15-cv-00049-WMS-HKS Document 109-3 Filed 09/19/19 Page 107 of 145 257 1 Α. Yes. Did you write that or did the One Stop person 3 write that? 4 The One Stop clicked on the stuff that he wanted 5 entered. 6 Okay. Q. 7 Pertaining to this job. Α. Did you agree with this? 8 Q. 9 MS. GRECO: Objection to form. 10 BY MR. OPPENHEIMER: 11 Did you agree with what he put in here? 12 Α. Yes. 13 Did you use this resume for any purpose? 14 For this job at the top. Α. 15 Okay. What job was that? Q. 16 Α. Adult care aid slash service provider. 17 What company was that for? Q.

- 18 The one that they had posted in the Unemployment Α. office. 19
- Do you have a name for what company it was? 20 Q.
- No, I don't. I don't recall at this time. 21 Α.
- 22 The next page, P322, line eight, the pay you Ο.
- 23 received at your last job, is that eleven dollars

- 1 A. Caucasian and African-American.
- 2 Q. Okay. So how do you refer to the fact that they
- 3 have both a Caucasian biological parent and an
- 4 African-American biological parent in terms of
- 5 describing their race?
- 6 MS. GRECO: Objection to form.
- 7 THE WITNESS: Biracial.
- 8 BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
- 9 Q. Okay. I just want to use the term that you're
- 10 comfortable with. Some people say mixed race and
- I don't want to use that if that's offensive.
- Biracial is how you refer to them?
- 13 MS. GRECO: Objection to form.
- 14 MR. OPPENHEIMER: I'm asking her how she refers to
- her children and that results in a form
- 16 objection? That is great.
- 17 BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
- 18 | Q. So biracial is how you refer to them, you don't
- 19 refer to them as black?
- 20 A. No.
- 21 | Q. They are biracial. Okay. Did you ever tell
- 22 anyone at Black Angus Meats that you refer to
- your children as biracial and not black?

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264
1
   Α.
       I don't recall.
       Now, is it the fact that your children are
3
       biracial that you believe has something to do
4
        with some -- something about your work
5
       environment?
6
   Α.
       I don't understand.
7
       Okay. You're making a race discrimination claim
    Q.
8
        in this case, right?
9
   Α.
       Yes.
10
       And you're a white woman, right?
11
   Α.
       Yes.
12
       So your race discrimination complaint isn't
   Q.
13
       because you're white, correct?
14
   Α.
       Correct.
15
       It has to do with something else, and I'm tying
   Q.
16
        to figure out what the something else is.
17
        is it?
18
       My children.
   Α.
       Okay. So the biracial nature of your children is
19
       what you base your race claim on in this case?
20
21
   Α.
       Yes.
22
   MS. GRECO: Objection.
23
   BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
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265 Okay. During the period that you were working 1 Q. for Black Angus, are you aware of any black 3 employees who were employed by Black Angus? 4 No. Α. 5 Are you aware whether any mixed race people were Q. 6 employed by Black Angus during the period of your employment? 8 Α. No. Are you aware of whether any ethnic minorities 9 10 were employed at Black Angus during the period of 11 your employment? 12 MS. GRECO: Objection to form. 13 THE WITNESS: No. 14 BY MR. OPPENHEIMER: 15 Do you know whether any minorities were -- were Q. 16 employed by Black Angus while you were employed 17 there? 18 No. Α. 19 How many people who were forty years of age or 20 older were employed by Black Angus while you were 21 there? 22 Including owners?

Just don't include the owners.

23

Q.

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266
1
    Α.
        Four.
    Q.
        Okay.
              How old were you when you started your
3
        employment there?
4
        Thirty-four.
    Α.
5
        And did your children ever come to Black Angus?
    Q.
6
    Α.
        Yes.
7
        When was the first time your children were at the
    Q.
8
        Black Angus store on the Boulevard?
        I believe it was the first deer season.
9
    Α.
10
        Okay. Did you have an opportunity to introduce
11
        them to any of the other people who work at Black
12
        Angus?
13
        Yes.
    Α.
14
        Who did you introduce them to that first time
    Q.
        they were there?
15
16
    Α.
        The first person was Bob.
17
        Bob Seibert?
    Q.
18
        Yes.
    Α.
19
        Okay. Who else?
    Q.
20
       Diane.
    Α.
        Okay. Anybody else?
21
    Q.
22
        I believe Debbie was there.
    Α.
23
    Q.
        Okay. And --
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271 Did you ever hear the word rag head or towel head 1 Q. used at Black Angus? 3 Α. No. 4 Did you ever hear the word dego used at Black Q. 5 Angus? 6 Α. No. 7 Q. Did you ever here the word grease ball or guinea 8 or wop used at Black Angus? 9 Α. No. 10 Did you ever hear anyone make jokes about 11 individuals who were Chinese? I'm talking about 12 hear anyone at Black Angus make any jokes about 13 individuals who were Chinese? 14 Not that I can recall. Α. 15 Did you ever hear anyone at Black Angus make any Q. 16 jokes about individuals who were Middle Eastern? 17 Not that I can recall. 18 Did you ever hear anyone at Black Angus make any jokes about individuals who were Italian? 19 20 Α. No. 21 Q. Did you ever hear anyone at Black Angus make a

22

23

Α.

No.

joke about the Pope?

- 22 the pack room?
- 23 Α. Yes.

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273
        Okay. When did you hear that?
1
        While I was employed at Black Angus.
3
        How many times did you hear it?
4
        I don't recall.
    Α.
5
        Are you able to give me an estimate?
    Q.
6
    Α.
        I know it definitely was once.
    Q.
        One time. Could have been more than one?
8
        Could have been.
    Α.
        You don't recall now if it was more than one?
9
10
        I don't recall.
    Α.
11
    Q.
        When did that happen, use by Keegan of the words
12
        Bob's niggs in the pack room?
13
        I can't recall.
    Α.
14
    Q.
       What year?
15
    Α.
        I don't know.
        Were you offended by the comment?
16
    Q.
17
        Yes, I was.
    Α.
18
       What did you do about it?
19
    Α.
       Nothing.
20
       Why?
    Q.
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        I didn't need to make any more hardness for
22
       myself.
23
    Q.
        What was going on that was hardness for yourself
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       at that time?
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       People ignored me as it was.
3
       Are you able -- thinking about the people
 4
        ignoring you to say when this comment was made,
5
        what year?
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       Can you rephrase that?
    Α.
7
    Q.
       Yes. You said that people were ignoring you at
8
        the time. And I'm wondering if thinking back to
9
        whatever period of time it was that people were
10
        ignoring you, you're able to put the making of
11
        this comment in that time frame.
12
       While I was in the pack room.
13
       Okay. So sometime after 2007?
14
       Yes.
    Α.
15
       Are you able to say whether it was in 2007?
    Q.
16
    Α.
       I don't recall.
17
       How late would be the latest that you think it
    Q.
18
       was made?
       I don't know.
19
    Α.
20
                Object to form, but you can answer.
    MS. GRECO:
    BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
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      Okay. Did you hear Keegan make any other
23
        comments of a racial nature?
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275 1 Not that I can recall at this time. Okay. Did you hear Diane make any comments of a 0. 3 racial nature? 4 No. Α. 5 Did you hear Robert Seibert make any comments of Q. 6 a racial nature about black individuals? 7 I don't recall at this time. Α. 8 Of the employees who you allege made racial Q. comments, can you identify the employees who made 9 10 them? 11 Jamie Lapress. 12 Who else of the employees do you say made racial 13 comments? 14 MS. GRECO: Objection, form. 15 BY MR. OPPENHEIMER: 16 You say in your Complaint racial comments were 17 made by the owners and other employees about black individuals. Right? That's what it says? 18 19 Yes. I'm thinking. Α. 20 Okay. So you identified Jamie Lapress as one of Q. 21 the employees who made racial comments about

23 A. Yes.

black individuals?

- 1 Q. What other employees made racial comments about
- 2 black individuals?
- 3 A. Robert Seibert.
- 4 Q. Anybody else?
- 5 A. I can't recall at this time.
- 6 Q. What did Jamie Lapress say that you regarded as a
- 7 racial comment about black individuals?
- 8 A. Well, for one, he called my kids niggers.
- 9 Q. Okay. Anything else?
- 10 A. Yes. He received a phone call in the pack room.
- 11 When he hung up he said that was Bob and I gotta
- go -- Bob's niggs are dirtying up the parking
- 13 lot, he has to go clean up their mess.
- 14 Q. Any other comments by Jamie about racial nature,
- about black individuals?
- 16 A. He never understood how they could have nice cars
- and get food stamps.
- 18 Q. He said something about that?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. Do you recall what he said?
- 21 A. I just said it.
- 22 Q. Okay. Anything else?
- 23 A. What was that?

- 1 Q. Any other comments that you can recall that Jamie
- 2 made that were racial in nature about black
- 3 individuals?
- 4 A. How could they have nice cars and get food
- 5 stamps.
- 6 Q. All right. So any others?
- 7 A. Oh, and the gold around their neck.
- 8 Q. What did he say about gold around their neck?
- 9 A. And get food stamps.
- 10 Q. When did he make the -- when did he get that in
- 11 the pack room where you said --
- 12 A. The what?
- 13 Q. When did he get the call? When did Jamie get the
- call in the pack room and say something about
- Bob's niggs dirtying up the parking lot?
- 16 MS. GRECO: Object to the form.
- 17 THE WITNESS: While I was working in the pack room.
- 18 BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
- 19 Q. Are you able to tell me when in terms of a date?
- 20 A. I don't recall.
- 21 Q. What year?
- 22 A. I don't recall that either.
- 23 Q. How many times did he say something about Bob's

- about nice cars and food stamps with respect to a
- black individual?
- 3 A. Once or twice.
- 4 Q. How many times did you hear him say anything
- 5 about gold around their necks and food stamps?
- 6 A. Once.
- 7 Q. When was that?
- 8 A. While I was in the pack room with him.
- 9 Q. You're unable to pinpoint a year or date?
- 10 A. While I was working there.
- 11 Q. So you're unable to say when during this period
- of years from 2007 through 2010 it happened?
- 13 A. Yeah. I mean, I can't pinpoint down a date.
- 14 | Q. Okay. Did you make a complaint to anyone in
- response to the comments that you just testified
- 16 about that Jamie made with respect to the parking
- 17 lot?
- 18 A. No. Keegan Roberts was right in there.
- 19 Q. You heard -- Keegan Roberts was present when
- Jamie said that about Bob's niggs dirtying up the
- 21 parking lot?
- 22 A. Yeah. So was Sean Round.
- 23 Q. Okay. And so why didn't you go to Diane Seibert

280 to make a complaint about that? 1 2 Because Keegan was right there. He heard it. 3 Okay. What about the comment about nice cars and 4 food stamps, did you make a complaint about that? 5 No, I did not. Α. 6 Q. Why not? Α. I don't really recall. 8 Q. Did you make a complaint about Jamie's comment 9 concerning gold around their next and the food 10 stamps? 11 Α. No. 12 Why not? Q. 13 I think that was when I was afraid that everybody Α. 14 was going to ignore me more than they already 15 did. 16 Are you able to say whether racial comments were 17 made by employees concerning black individuals in 18 2005? No, I'm not. 19 Α. 20 Are you able to say whether racial comments were Q. 21 made by employees about black individuals in 22 2006?

MS. GRECO: Objection to the form. She already said

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       they were made during that period of time. Are
       you asking to pinpoint?
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   MR. OPPENHEIMER: I think she said that she was in
 4
       the pack room when these comments were made.
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   MS. GRECO: Right.
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   MR. OPPENHEIMER: And that was 2007.
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   MS. GRECO:
              Oh, okay.
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   MR. OPPENHEIMER: So that's why I'm going through
9
       this.
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   MS. GRECO: I missed that.
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   THE WITNESS: I don't recall.
12
   BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
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   Q. Okay. Is it fair to say that the racial comments
14
       that you've testified about so far occurred
15
       somewhere in the time frame from 2007 to 2010?
16
   Α.
       Yes.
17
   MR. OPPENHEIMER: Okay. All right. I'd like to just
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       take if we can a ten-minute break. Maybe you can
19
       stretch. It would be good for you. I want to
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       sort through what I've got here and just focus on
       the last half hour or so.
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             (Whereupon, a short recess was then taken.)
    BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
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282 All right. Five-twenty-five so a half hour left. 1 Q. 2 All right. 3 In your Complaint in paragraph thirty-six, you don't need to look at it. You allege that 4 5 help wanted signs were placed in the door of 6 Black Angus and black individuals who applied were not given interviews. Do you recall saying 8 that or at least claiming that in this case? 9 Α. Yes. 10 Okay. What is the basis of your claim that black 11 individuals who applied were not given 12 interviews? 13 That they weren't given interviews. 14 When did you see a black person apply to Black Q. 15 Angus who was not given an interview? 16 Α. Several times throughout my employment at Black 17 Angus Meats. 18 Okay. What is several times? Q. 19 I would say between my whole five-year employment 20 there, probably fifty applicants were African-American. 21 22 Fifty applicants were African-Americans.

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Α.

Yes.

- 1 Q. How many were given applications to fill out?
- 2 A. I believe every one.
- 3 Q. Was there a help wanted sign in the window of
- 4 that door every time an applicant applied, a
- 5 black applicant applied?
- 6 A. I believe so. That's why they would stop in.
- 7 Q. And when -- what happened, if you became aware of
- 8 it, to the applications that they filled out?
- 9 A. We were instructed to take them into the office.
- 10 | Q. And to your knowledge, were all the applications
- that were filled out by Black applicants taken
- into the office?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Are you aware of whether any of the Black
- 15 applicants that you've testified about whether
- they were given interviews?
- 17 A. No.
- 18 Q. You have no awareness?
- 19 A. No awareness.
- 20 | Q. So they may have been interviewed and you have no
- 21 awareness whether they were or not?
- 22 A. If they were -- I worked every day of the week
- 23 that they were open, unless they came while I

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        is Robert, Diane or Keegan, whether an applicant
        was black or white?
3
        They had asked.
4
        Who asked?
    Q.
5
        Diane.
    Α.
6
    Q.
       Diane would ask what?
7
        If they were African-American or Caucasian, and
    Α.
8
        if they were clean cut or not.
9
        Okay. Did she ask anything else about them?
10
        No.
    Α.
11
    Q.
        She didn't ask whether they were a woman or not?
12
    Α.
       No.
13
       She didn't ask what age they were?
14
   Α.
       No.
15
    Q.
        She didn't --
16
    Α.
        I wouldn't know that.
17
        Well, she didn't ask you whether it was an older
    Q.
18
        person or younger person?
19
    Α.
       No.
20
        She didn't ask whether or not they looked ethnic
    Q.
21
        in some way?
22
       No.
    Α.
23
    Q.
       Were you ever told to tell an applicant who was
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       black that Black Angus Meats was just collecting
        applications and that the applicant would receive
3
        a phone call?
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       Yes.
   Α.
5
       When were you told that?
   Q.
6
   Α.
       When Diane instructed me to.
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    Q.
       What year was that?
8
   Α.
        It happened more than once.
9
       Are you able to say whether it happened right
   Q.
10
        after you started working in 2005?
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       I can't recall at this time.
   Α.
12
       Is that something that you regularly said to
    Q.
13
       black applicants, that the company was just
14
        selecting applications and that they would
15
        receive a phone call?
16
   Α.
        Yes.
17
       How many times do you think you said that over
    Q.
18
        the course of your employment?
19
       Twenty-plus times.
   Α.
20
       Okay. Since you began working in the pack room
    Q.
21
        sometime in 2007, do you believe that any of
22
        those twenty-plus times occurred prior to 2007?
23
   Α.
       Yes.
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- 1 Q. Are you able to say how many?
- 2 A. I don't recall at this time.
- 3 Q. You allege in your Complaint that you knew of a
- 4 clean cut well-spoken black male who was looking
- for employment and Diane threw out his
- 6 application.
- 7 MS. GRECO: Objection to form. You can answer.
- 8 BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
- 9 Q. That's alleged in your Complaint?
- 10 MS. GRECO: Well, you've paraphrased, but go ahead.
- 11 BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
- 12 Q. Right. I paraphrased. Quote, you knew a clean
- 13 cut well-spoken black male who was looking for
- employment, close quote, and that Mrs. Seibert,
- quote, threw out his application, close quote.
- 16 A. I didn't find out until the end of the day.
- 17 Q. When did you find that out?
- 18 A. When I was asked to collect the garbage.
- 19 Q. What year?
- 20 A. I don't recall at this time.
- 21 Q. Was it prior to when you went into the pack room,
- 22 sometime prior to?
- 23 A. Yes.

290 So it was prior to 2007? 1 Q. 2 Α. Yes. 3 Regina Rush and Raelean Rush were according to 4 one of the EEOC filings that you made employed 5 between 2004 and 2008, does that -- are you aware of that? 6 7 MS. GRECO: Objection to form. BY MR. OPPENHEIMER: 8 9 Do you need to look at the EEOC filing you made 10 to refresh yourself on what you said? 11 Α. Yes. 12 MR. OPPENHEIMER: Okay. What exhibit is that? 13 MS. BAHAS: It was one of their pre-marked exhibits. 14 It's on the front of there, the yellow tab. 15 BY MR. OPPENHEIMER: 16 Q. It's page DEF0144. Second paragraph, Raelean 17 Rush, it starts. Second paragraph. Go up one 18 more, up. There you go. 19 Α. Yes. 20 Okay. Does this a refresh your recollection as Q. 21 to whether Raelean and Regina worked between 2004

It was the wrong date. Was from 2005 to 2008.

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and 2008?

291 Okay. So it was 2005 to 2008? 1 Q. 2 Α. Yes. 3 As far as you were concerned, that's what you --4 MS. GRECO: Objection to form. 5 BY MR. OPPENHEIMER: 6 Well, you started working in 2005? Q. 7 Α. Yes. So you would know from 2005 forward rather than 8 Q. 2004 forward, is that what you're saying? 9 10 Yes. Α. 11 Q. Okay. So they worked during the period that you worked, they worked between 2005 and 2008? 12 13 MS. GRECO: Objection to form. 14 BY MR. OPPENHEIMER: 15 Is that right? You saw them working in the store Q. between 2005 and 2008? 16 17 Yes. Α. MS. GRECO: Objection to form. 18 BY MR. OPPENHEIMER: 19 20 During that time period what did you hear Q. Okay. about them having black boyfriends from other

- 21
- 22 employees at Black Angus Meats?
- 23 Α. That they should be with one of their own kind,

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       what's wrong with white guys.
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       Who said they should be with one of their own
    Q.
3
       kind?
4
       Sean Round.
   Α.
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   Q.
       When?
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   MS. GRECO: Is she done -- or, I mean, you went on,
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       but is there more?
   MR. OPPENHEIMER: Well, there may be more. I'll get
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9
       to it.
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   MS. GRECO:
               Okay.
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   BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
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       Who said that they should be with one of their
13
       own kind? You said Sean Round. I asked when did
14
       that happen?
15
       When I was employed at Black Angus.
16
    Q.
       Before you were in the pack room or after?
17
       After.
   Α.
18
       Are you able to say what year? Let me remind
19
       you, you said that Raelean and Regina worked --
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       I know. I can't remember if it was 2007 or 2008.
   MS. GRECO: The records speak for themselves when you
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       worked there, but the best recollection you have
23
       now.
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293 1 BY MR. OPPENHEIMER: The comment was made by Sean Round in 2007, 2008? 3 MS. GRECO: Objection to form. BY MR. OPPENHEIMER: 5 Is that what you're saying is best recollection? Q. 6 Α. Best recollection. Q. What about what is wrong with white guys, who 8 said that? Sean Round. 9 Α. 10 When did he say that? 11 MS. GRECO: Objection to form. 12 THE WITNESS: I can't recall at this time. 13 BY MR. OPPENHEIMER: 14 To whom did he say it? 15 To Raelean. Α. 16 Q. Were you present when that was said? 17 Yes. We were at the deer wrapping station that's 18 offset from the pack room. 19 Are you able to say what year that was? 20 I believe that one was in 2007. Α. 21 Q. Okay. What other comments did you hear Sean

Round make about Raelean or Regina's dating black

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   MS. GRECO: Objection. Because you said -- do you
       mean if there is more of these comments or
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       different comments?
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   BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
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       Did you hear more comments from Sean Round about
6
       their boyfriends?
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               Which means if he said it more than once
8
       he wants to know that too.
9
   THE WITNESS:
                 Yes.
10
   BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
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       What else did you hear him say?
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       That he found out that Raelean went to put a
13
       permit -- a plowing permit in her name in North
14
       Tonawanda and he said why would you want to put
15
       your name in for him when he can ruin your name.
16
   Q.
       When did that happen?
17
       I don't recall.
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   MS. GRECO: He's asking can you tell during the
19
       period of time that you worked together, even if
20
       you don't recall the exact dates, during the
21
       period you worked together did it occur during
22
       that period or --
    THE WITNESS: Yes.
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- 1 BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
- 2 Q. How many times did you hear him say that?
- 3 A. That I heard him say once.
- 4 Q. When?
- 5 A. While I was employed at Black Angus.
- Q. Tell me about the incident involving Jamie and the paper towel holder.
- 8 A. Okay.
- 9 Q. What happened?
- 10 A. Jamie called my kids niggers.
- 11 Q. From the beginning of the incident, tell me what
- 12 unfolded.
- 13 | MS. GRECO: Objection to form. You can answer.
- 14 BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
- 15 Q. Something happened that ended up somewhere with
- Jamie saying the word niggers, right?
- 17 A. Yes.
- $18 \mid Q$. Tell me what happened with respect to the paper
- 19 towel dispenser that resulted in that.
- 20 A. I guess Jamie lost the key to the paper towel
- 21 | machine and I was by the front wrapping table,
- 22 and he came up alongside on the other side of the
- wrapping table by me and asked me if I could

break into it. And I says no, why would you ask me that and he says well, you have two black kids and that's what black people do. And I says my kids don't break into stuff, so why would he call -- why would he say that about my kids. He goes well, they're niggers. And I says that I can't believe you said that, and I got very upset and Tommy was right at the butcher block right by the other wrapping table and that's where Debbie was too. And Tommy and Debbie both told Jamie that his actions were inappropriate.

- 12 Q. You heard both of them say that?
- 13 A. Yes.

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- 14 | Q. Okay. Did Jamie say anything in response?
- 15 A. I don't know what he mumbled on the way to the washroom.
- Q. Okay. Did anything happen after that involving Keegan and that incident?
- A. I was called into the office by Bob and Keegan and I believe the 25th of May and they wanted to know what happened. I told them. They called Jamie in, asked him what happened and he told them that he wasn't talking to me and it was

Case 1:15-cv-00049-WMS-HKS Document 109-3 Filed 09/19/19 Page 134 of 145 297 1 nice. 2 What happened next with respect to this incident? 3 Jamie -- he says okay, Jamie, you're done. 4 Keegan walked out the office door closest to the 5 employee entrance and I talked with Bob then, and Bob told me that I would have to get used to 6 things like that, people are mean and cruel, and I said so it's okay for one of my co-workers to 8 9 call my kids niggers and he says it happens in 10 politics and it happens in sports so I'm going 11 have to get used to the idea. 12 What was the date of this conversation? 13 I believe it was May 25th, and I told Bob then I 14 was uncomfortable with the situation and he said 15 I was uncomfortable with working with 16 Jamie and he said he was uncomfortable with the

- situation also and I could leave now. I was punched in for work at about -- for about two and a half hours.
- 20 At some point, you had written a letter about the Q. incident to Robert and Diane? 21
- 22 Yes. Α.

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23 I'm putting in front of you 195. On the very

298 1 last page is that a letter that you wrote to Robert and Diane? 3 Yes, it is. 4 And when did you write that? Q. 5 On the 19th of May. Α. And when did you -- what did you do with it after 6 Q. you wrote it? 8 I left it on Diane's desk. Excuse me. 9 What day of the week was that, if you remember? 10 I believe it was a Wednesday. Α. 11 Q. Okay. Did you put it on the desk the same day 12 you wrote it? 13 Yes, I did. Α. 14 Okay. So how is it that your employment ended at Q. 15 Black Angus? 16 Robert Seibert told me that he was uncomfortable 17 with the situation and having me there so I can 18 gather my things and leave and I did so, and I 19 left crying and Debbie Negrych and Tom -- Thomas 20 Howells were shocked when I went out and told 21 them that I had to leave. 22 MR. OPPENHEIMER: Okay. 23

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             (Whereupon, a Bankruptcy Court Document was
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       then received and marked as Exhibit D-13, for
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        identification.)
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   BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
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   Q.
       This is D-13. You filed a petition for a
       voluntary bankruptcy on March 3rd, 2009, right?
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       Do you recall filing for bankruptcy in March of
       2009.
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   Α.
       Yes.
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   Q.
       Okay. And --
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   MS. GRECO: Is there a signature on this somewhere or
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       is this -- oh, there. It's at the bottom. I see
14
       the bottom. I did not see that before.
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   MR. OPPENHEIMER:
                     Okay.
   MS. GRECO: For the record, the bottom shows a filing
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       with a case number. Go ahead.
   BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
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       Who was your -- did you retain counsel to file a
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20
       bankruptcy for you?
       Yes, I did.
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   Α.
22
       And that was David Butterini?
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   Α.
       Yup.
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300 Okay. And were you honest and truthful when you 1 Q. spoke to Mr. Butterini about your assets and 3 liabilities? 4 Yes. Α. 5 Okay. Did you ever disclose to Mr. Butterini --6 MS. GRECO: Any conversation you had with your attorney is attorney/client privilege. BY MR. OPPENHEIMER: 8 Did you ever ask -- well, tell me --9 10 MS. GRECO: No conversation with her attorney will 11 she be permitted to answer. 12 MR. OPPENHEIMER: That's fine. 13 MS. GRECO: If you have something other than a 14 conversation with your attorney you can. 15 BY MR. OPPENHEIMER: 16 Where in your petition did you disclose that you 17 had a claim against Black Angus or Keegan Roberts or the Seiberts? 18 19 MS. GRECO: She has to read the whole thing. 20 BY MR. OPPENHEIMER: 21 Did you disclose that to the trustee in your 22 bankruptcy?

MS. GRECO: Do you know what a trustee is? Strike

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       that. Objection to the form of the question.
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   BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
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       Do you recall --
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   MS. GRECO: You have a question pending and she's
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       looking.
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   MR. OPPENHEIMER: I can do what I want with my
7
       question.
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   MS. GRECO: Are you withdrawing your question?
   MR. OPPENHEIMER: I'll let you know if I do.
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10
   MS. GRECO: Do you want her to keep looking or stop?
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   MR. OPPENHEIMER: I want her to keep looking.
12
   MS. GRECO: Keep reading.
13
   BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
14
      Turn to page --
   Q.
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   MS. GRECO:
               She has a right to read a legal document.
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       You asked her specifically if there is something
17
       in here.
   MR. OPPENHEIMER: I'm directing her attention to a
18
       particular page to help the witness -- I'm
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       withdrawing the question then, counsel.
       play a trick out of your playbook.
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   MS. GRECO: That's fine. It's not a trick. You have
       a right to withdraw a question if you want to.
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   BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
             Page ten of forty-one, are you there?
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       the bottom there's a number twenty-one. It talks
       about contingent unliquidated claims of every
4
5
       nature.
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   MS. GRECO: Forty-one? Objection.
   MR. OPPENHEIMER:
                     Twenty-one, I said.
   MS. GRECO: Read it. He's asking you to read that
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9
       language.
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   MR. OPPENHEIMER: Right.
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   MS. GRECO:
              I don't even know what that is.
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   THE WITNESS:
                  I read it.
13
   BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
14
      Did you ever disclose to the Court at any filing
15
       that you had a claim against Black Angus or the
16
       Seiberts or Keegan Roberts?
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   MS. GRECO: Objection to the form of the question.
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       If you understand it.
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   THE WITNESS: I don't understand what you mean.
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   BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
       Okay. You filed this in 2009, right?
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   Q.
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Q. And you've been testifying all day about, you

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Yes.

303 1 know, the things that were happening at Black Right? Angus between 2005 and 2009. 3 Α. Yes. 4 And your counsel wouldn't let you talk about your Q. 5 conversations with your bankruptcy lawyer about 6 whether you even disclosed that to him so I'm asking you whether you disclosed any of the 8 claims that you think you have against Black 9 Angus or Keegan Roberts or the Seiberts to the bankruptcy court? 10 11 MS. GRECO: Objection to form of the question. The 12 word claim has a legal definition. This is March 13 3rd of 2009. There was no legal claim filed. 14 Counsel knows it and so do I, so --15 MR. OPPENHEIMER: We've been talking about her claims 16 all day. 17 MS. GRECO: Claim. She's a layperson. If you want 18 to define or that she filed something that --MR. OPPENHEIMER: I don't have to define it. 19 20 I know you don't. Objection to the form MS. GRECO: 21 of the question. 22 BY MR. OPPENHEIMER: 23 Did you bring to the attention of the bankruptcy

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       court the fact that you thought that you were the
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       victim of discrimination at Black Angus Meats?
3
              Objection to the form of the question.
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   BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
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      Did you do that? Did you bring it to the
6
       attention of the bankruptcy court?
7
               Objection to the form of the question.
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       It's a legal question. Does she even know what
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       attention to the court -- of the bankruptcy court
       is?
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   MR. OPPENHEIMER: I didn't ask her what it is.
12
       asked if she did something. Counsel, you made
13
       your objection. Let your witness answer.
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   MS. GRECO: You're done with your time. Last
15
       question.
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   MR. OPPENHEIMER: No, I'm not done with my time.
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       You've been objecting just because you want to
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       prevent this witness from answering.
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   MS. GRECO: No. This is a document. You're asking
20
       her a legal question.
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   MR. OPPENHEIMER: No, I asked her --
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   MS. GRECO: You wouldn't define it. We're done when
23
       we're done. When the time is done, we're done.
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       Which means we have -- I have one minute. What
       do you have?
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   MR. OPPENHEIMER: Did you ever bring to the
 4
       bankruptcy court -- go ahead, counsel, and we'll
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       be back here, because of your conduct and
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       delaying this witness from answering these
       questions.
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   MS. GRECO: Please. I have an objection and I will
9
       put my objections on the record.
10
   MR. OPPENHEIMER: Can I get an answer to my question?
11
   MS. GRECO: She doesn't -- look.
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   THE WITNESS: I don't understand.
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   BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
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   Q. Did you ever bring to the attention of the
15
       bankruptcy court the fact that you believed you
16
       had been a victim of discrimination at Black
17
       Angus Meats?
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   MS. GRECO: Objection to the form of the question.
       She already told you she doesn't understand it.
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   MR. OPPENHEIMER: You're answering, counsel. I'd
21
       like you to shut your mouth.
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   MS. GRECO: You keep saying the same thing over --
23
       she said she didn't understand it. Why don't you
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       rephrase it?
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   BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
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       Did you ever bring to the bankruptcy court's
4
       attention any of your allegations in this case
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       about pay inequity?
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       No.
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   Q.
       Did you ever bring --
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   MS. GRECO:
                     We're done.
               {\tt No.}
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   MR. OPPENHEIMER: No, you're not going to do that.
                That's the time. We're done.
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   MS. GRECO:
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   MR. OPPENHEIMER:
                     Did you --
   MS. GRECO:
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              We're done. Time is up. We're done.
13
   MR. OPPENHEIMER: If you want -- you continue taking
14
       down my questions so when the Order comes from
15
       the Court she will answer these questions.
16
   MS. GRECO:
               You have had your client Robert
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       Seibert --
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   MR. OPPENHEIMER: If you want to walk out --
   MS. GRECO: This is the end of the time.
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   MR. OPPENHEIMER:
                     No.
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   MS. GRECO: Well, tell me on the record how many
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       minutes you think you have left, because you
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       timed it.
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   MR. OPPENHEIMER: Based on all of your objections and
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       conduct now another five minutes.
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   MS. GRECO: We're done. Let's go.
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   MR. OPPENHEIMER: Well, you can leave but the
5
       deposition's not over.
6
   MS. GRECO: You think you have five more minutes and
       I'm telling you it's done. You can't go on.
       you pose the question --
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   MR. OPPENHEIMER: If you want to leave go.
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   BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
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       The next question, did you ever disclose to the
12
       bankruptcy court any of the facts on which you
13
       rely in this case --
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   MS. GRECO: We're done.
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   BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
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   Q. -- with respect to race discrimination?
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   MS. GRECO: We'd like to put on the record we are
18
       leaving. It's a seven-hour deposition. It has
19
       been timed like all our other depositions have
20
       been timed, and we made proper objections. He
21
       rephrased it, she answered.
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   BY MR. OPPENHEIMER:
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      Did you ever bring to the bankruptcy court's
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       attention any of the facts that you rely on in
        this case with respect to your claims of hostile
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       work environment? Did you ever bring to the
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       bankruptcy court's attention any of the facts on
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       which you rely in this case for your claims
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        concerning gender discrimination?
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    MR. OPPENHEIMER:
                     Please let the record reflect the
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       witness has been escorted out of the room by her
9
        counsel.
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    MS. GRECO: The witness has left.
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    MR. OPPENHEIMER: You just pushed her out the door,
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       counsel. Off the record.
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